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We do not care, say Palestinians

Pakistan sentences 5 hijackers to death

RAWALPINDI, July 6, (Reuters): A Palestinian sentenced to death today for hijacking a Pan Am jetliner vowed he would do it again if he had the chance.

A Pakistani court sentenced Salman Ali Al Turki and four other Palestinians to hang for the 1986 hijacking of a Pan Am jumbo jet at Karachi airport in which 21 people were killed.

An unrepentant Turki, said to have masterminded the hijacking, told reporters later: "If we go out we will hijack another American plane. We will hijack again and again until our country (Palestine) is free."

The five Palestinians never

denied seizing the airliner on Sept 5, 1986, but said the 21 people were killed in a hail of gunfire when Pakistani commandos stormed the plane 16 hours after the hijack began.

Rejected

Judge Mohammad Zafar Babar rejected their argument, saying the commandos were nowhere near the plane when the passengers, mostly Indians, were killed.

The five were brought shackled and handcuffed to the makeshift court in Rawalpindi Central Jail where they have been on trial since August last year.

They smiled and chatted

among themselves as Badar read out parts of the 147-page verdict. "We do not care about this judgement," Turki told reporters. "We care about 100 million Pakistani people and millions of Arabs and Islam."

The court had been told the Pan Am jet with 400 people aboard was seized by four men wearing Pakistani security uniforms and armed with machine-guns and grenades.

They killed one passenger, and wounded another and three baggage handlers in a burst of gunfire.

The three-man flight crew escaped from the cockpit by sliding down a rope ladder when they heard the shots.

The gunmen sent a deadline for the crew to return but the commandos stormed the jet before it expired.

Witnesses said when the gunmen realised what was happening they turned their guns on the passengers, injuring 100, and tossed grenades which failed to explode.

Escape

Some terrified passengers managed to escape down emergency chutes.

The four gunmen — Mansoor Al Rashid, 19, Mustafa Bomer, 24, Fahd Ali Al Jaseem, 18, and Khalil Autwan, 19 — were each sentenced to death for multiple

murder and to 257 years jail with hard labour.

Turki, who was arrested after the hijacking, was sentenced to death for conspiracy and fined Rs 50,000 rupees (\$2,778).

"Anyway we accept everything," said Turki, the only one of the five to speak. His only request was that the foot irons that had been snapped on two years ago when they were arrested be removed. The ankles of all five were wrapped in bandages.

The hijackers, who said they had wanted to free Arabs jailed in Cyprus, have 30 days in which to appeal.

Babar rejected defence attempts to justify the hijack as a blow for the cause of Islam.

Iran won't retaliate against airlines

By Atiqus Samad

IRAN does not want to retaliate against any airline anywhere in the world, an official in the charge d'affaires office at the Iranian embassy in Kuwait said yesterday.

The statement made by the official, who did not divulge his name during a telephonic interview, contradicted reports of threats of revenge made by Iranian leaders, including Ayatollah Khomeini, after the downing of a civilian jet in the Gulf.

All 290 passengers aboard that Iran Air plane died when at least one missile, fired by the US cruiser Vincennes, hit the plane minutes after it took off from the port of Bandar Abbas for Dubai.

Revenge

Khomeini vowed revenge after the Airbus was shot down saying the "attack was a warning to all travellers."

Khomeini also made a call for a "full-fledged" war against America. Reports from Tehran, and statements made by leaders, indicate a split among Iran's leaders over the retaliation strategy. Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, Khomeini's designated successor, has said that the time is ripe for retaliation. Iran's parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, without discounting the idea of revenge, said "the timing is up to us."

Threats

The US has taken the retaliatory threats seriously and imposed a full alert at all its embassies around the world.

On Tuesday Iran protested to the United Nations over the incident and called for an urgent meeting of the UN Security Council to condemn the US.

The Iranian official in Kuwait could not say whether Tehran would seek compensation from the US.

The official said two Kuwaitis died in the incident. He added they were children aged four and six, but he could not give further information or identify with whom they were travelling. The two Kuwaiti children were among 40 foreign passengers aboard the plane.

Kuwait News Agency adds: HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah has decided to send a private airplane to bring the bodies of Kuwaiti victims.

Airport security stepped up in US

NEW YORK, July 6, (AP): Airports in Boston, San Francisco and Los Angeles stepped up security yesterday following Iran's vows to avenge the deaths of the 290 people aboard an Iranian jetliner shot down by a US warship.

"We're sensitive to the Iranian incident, and we've taken immediate steps to increase" security, said Dale Harris, superintendent of operations at Los Angeles International Airport.

"Our police and security people are very much aware of the situation and the potential for what could happen with talks of retaliation," said Ron Wilson, spokesman at San Francisco international airport.

Increased

Logan International Airport in Boston has increased its security measures, said Logan spokesman Phil Orlandella.

Bill Cahill, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates Kennedy, Newark and Laguardia airports in the New York metropolitan area, declined comment on security. He said security arrangements were confidential.

Wilson said travellers in San Francisco might detect longer waits at baggage-security points before boarding planes.

Iran's ambassador to West Germany yesterday said that Iran's retaliation will not occur on US soil.

Airbus wreckage recovered

NICOSIA, July 6, (Reuters): Iran has recovered wreckage from the seabed in the Strait of Hormuz but many bodies from the plane shot down by a US warship will never be found, a top Iranian official said today.

The governor-general of Hormuzgan province, in southern Iran, said in all likelihood "many bodies were pulverized or completely burnt in the air," the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

Quoting the governor in Bandar Abbas, starting point of the ill-fated flight, IRNA said the plane disintegrated in the air. It was reported flying at 7,500 feet.

Fuselage

The agency said "several pieces of the fuselage of an Iran Air Airbus A-300 have been recovered from the bottom of the sea at the Hormuz Strait... the pieces showed ruptures of the kind of the impact of a hitting missile and its shrapnel."

About 200 bodies have been pulled from the sea. Iran has said 290 people, including 66 children, were on the plane but IRNA reported the governor as saying 291 were aboard.

The governor asked close relatives of all passengers to come to Bandar Abbas port to help officials identify the bodies. Iran plans a funeral procession in the capital tomorrow. But apart from black drapes on some official buildings, at the airport and at Iran Air offices, hot and dusty Tehran bore little visible evidence of the tragedy.

Tehran seeks contact with US

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska, July 6, (Reuters): Iran in recent months has made overtures through third parties apparently seeking direct contact with the United States, Secretary of State George Shultz disclosed yesterday.

US officials are unsure how to interpret these so-called "probes" but have sent back word to Tehran that they are willing to talk to authoritative Iranian representatives, but so far nothing has come of it, Shultz said.

US officials repeatedly have denied recent European news

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Tehran thanks Kuwait

IRAN yesterday thanked Kuwait for its condolences over the deaths of 290 people on an Iran Air passenger jet shot down by US forces over the Gulf on Sunday.

A message from Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati to Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed also offered sympathy for the deaths of Kuwait residents who were on the plane, the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported.

The dead included 49 residents of Kuwait, two of whom had Kuwaiti citizenship.

In a reply, Sheikh Sabah thanked Iran for its co-operation and said such incidents should be fully investigated to avoid their repetition.

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Fallaka: 29°C (84°F)
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Ahmad: 43°C (109°F)
Fallaka: 43°C (109°F)
Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 14 per cent
Ahmad: 10 per cent
Fallaka: 63 per cent
Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 30 per cent
Ahmad: 59 per cent
Fallaka: 65 per cent

Security Council will discuss Airbus downing

UNITED NATIONS, July 6, (Agencies): The UN Security Council announced yesterday it will take up next Tuesday Iran's complaint against the United States over the downing of an Iranian civilian plane in the Arabian Gulf as American investigators launched an inquiry into the incident.

Under a 15-day deadline and tight secrecy, a six-member team of experts began its work hours after arriving in the Gulf late yesterday from the United States.

Equipped

Investigators interview the captain and senior officers of the US missile cruiser Vincennes as a secrecy-shrouded inquiry into the downing of an Iranian jetliner begins today.

The team, headed by Rear Adm. William Fogarty, a senior staff officer at US Central Com-

mand headquarters in Tampa, Florida, includes a military lawyer and technical experts whose task is to analyze computer tapes, communications records and other data that could explain the tragedy.

Iran claims the USS Vincennes, a billion-dollar Aegis cruiser equipped with state-of-the-art, computerized radar and weapons systems, intentionally shot down the Iran Air A-300 Airbus over the Strait of Hormuz last Sunday.

Iranian President Ali Khamenei rejected a statement by US President Reagan that the incident on Sunday was closed, saying that for Iran it had just begun.

US officials said earlier that the questioning would be under oath, and the investigators' mandate does not exclude a recommendation of disciplinary action

should cause be found.

Shipping sources said the Vincennes, anchored in Sitra Bay a few miles off Bahrain, was flanked by the US frigate Elmer Montgomery and two other American warships which arrived in the central Gulf overnight.

The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) said today its governing council will hold an emergency session on July 13 to investigate the downing of the Iranian airliner by a US warship.

In Tehran, a senior Iran Air pilot today ruled out an error by the pilot of the downed Airbus as a cause of a US warship attack. Captain Ali Mahdavi, the state airline's senior instructor on Airbus and a Boeing 747 commander, said the pilot of

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Iran Air resumes Dubai flight

ABU DHABI, July 6, (AP): Iran Air resumed flights to and from Dubai across the Gulf today after suspending them in the wake of the downing of one of its airliners by a US warship three days ago, an airline official said.

An A-300 Airbus, the same type as the plane that was shot down, took off from Dubai airport at 1.18 pm (0918 GMT) carrying 287 Iranian passengers to Shiraz, said the official, who identified himself only as Arzadeh.

Shiraz is some 300 miles (480 kilometres) northeast of the port of Bandar Abbas from where the ill-fated Airbus took off on Sunday minutes before it was hit by missiles fired by the US cruiser Vincennes.

Another Iran Air flight will take off from Sharjah, 12 miles (20 kilometres) northeast of Dubai, for Tehran later today, the official said.

But he refused to say what air corridors the Iran Air flights were taking or whether they were using the airline that the downed plane took on Sunday over the Strait of Hormuz.

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Iraqi jets raid oil installations

BAGHDAD, July 6, (Reuters): Iraqi warplanes attacked two Iranian oil installations today and set them on fire, while Iranian gunboats attacked an Australian fishing vessel in the Gulf, sources said.

An Iraqi military communiqué said the jets attacked the Imam Hassan oil pumping station and pumped stations at the Gorreh oilfield, 70 km (45 miles) northeast of Iran's main oil terminal of Kharg island.

The Imam Hassan oilfield has been attacked several times dur-

ing the last three years as part of continuing Iraqi efforts to deny Iran oil revenues which help to pay for the war now in its eighth year. The last attack was on May 26.

The military communiqué said the raids were intended to "prevent the Iranian regime from utilising its oil revenues for aggressive purposes against our country and against the Arab nation."

On June 24, Iraqi jets attacked 10 oilfields and six days later blasted an Iranian natural gas

refinery under construction in the Kangan area of coastal Bushehr province, killing 13 South Korean workers and injuring 37 others.

Iraq also denied Iranian claims of downing two Iraqi helicopter gunships and that Iraq used chemical weapons.

He described Iranian claims that Iraq had used chemical weapons as "ridiculous" and added that Tehran reiterates such claims each time it suffers a defeat.

INA, quoting military com-

muniques, said Iraqi forces seized two strategic peaks in Kurdistan yesterday. They earlier claimed to have recaptured a dozen other heights in heavy fighting.

The shipping sources in Dubai said the fishing boat Sea Cat broadcast a Mayday call late yesterday and in a brief message to Muscat Radio said it had been attacked by the Iranians.

There were no immediate reports of casualties and no further details were available.

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A worker sifts through the wreckage of a Pakistan Air Force Mirage fighter that crashed in an industrial area in Karachi. (Reuters wirephoto)

Pakistani Mirage crashes killing 14

KARACHI, July 6, (UPI): A Pakistan Air Force jet fighter crashed into a factory in Karachi today, killing the two crew members on board and injuring 40 others, military and hospital sources said.

The PAF Mirage was on a morning training flight and was approaching the Masroor Air Base near Karachi when it plunged into a factory of the National Motors Co. in the southern port city and exploded, the military sources said.

Witnesses said several Mercedes trucks being assembled in the building caught fire. They said the plane had first jettisoned its fuel tank, which landed in a warehouse of the Lever Bros. food processing factory next door.

Critical

Hospital sources said the pilot and co-pilot and nine people on the ground were killed instantly and 43 were injured, three of whom later died. Ten of the injured were reported in critical condition, the sources said. They said most of the injuries were burns.

"I saw the aircraft tumbling down and it hit the two-storey building of the factory," said Mohammad Ahsan, a street merchant.

Another witness, Amin Khan, was working in the electrical substation of the Lever Bros. warehouse.

"I heard a roaring noise and seconds later the roof of the substation collapsed, burying several people," said Khan, an electrician, who saw seven people injured.

Debris was scattered over a 240 sq-yard (200-sq-m) area in a northwestern district of the city. A wing of the aircraft was lying in the street about 100 yards from the National Motors factory. One of the wheels was hanging from the roof of the Lever Bros. warehouse, which was destroyed.

Cordoned Military personnel cordoned off the area. Rescue and recovery operations ceased a few hours after the incident and no further casualties were expected.

The military sources did not say what caused the crash, although some technical fault aboard the plane was suspected.

"It is a machine and a machine can develop faults," one Air Force officer said.

Last year, a PAF military aircraft on a training flight crashed into a factory of the Philips Electrical Company in the same area, killing the two crew members and two people on the ground.

Edwin Meese

SACRAMENTO, California, July 6, (AP): Attorney-General Edwin Meese III announced his resignation following an investigation into his conduct in office, saying the probe vindicated him and allowed him to depart without feeling forced out.

"This decision is something I made totally on my own and I was not pressured by anybody," Meese told reporters yesterday in announcing his decision to resign as the nation's top law enforcement official.

Meese, entangled in controversy for months, had submitted his resignation to President Reagan by telephone.

Investigation Meese said he expected to leave office at the end of this month or early in August and that no successor had been designated.

One of Reagan's closest confidants for several years, Meese had had a stormy tenure at the Justice Department since arriving in March 1985.

Meese announced his resignation after independent counsel James McKay filed a report on his nearly 14-month investigation into Meese's conduct in

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Edwin Meese

DAY BY DAY

THE number of flights between Kuwait and Syria need to be increased urgently.

Who is responsible for the inadequate number of flights — the Kuwait Airways Corporation or the Syrian Airlines?

Whichever the case, passengers should not be forced to queue for reservations in this hot weather.

Frankly speaking, if Syrian Airlines cannot increase flights, let them permit the KAC to do so.

Zahed Matar

Banks stop work in protest

KARACHI, July 6. (Reuters): Staff at some 250 branches of Pakistan's Habib Bank stopped work in Karachi today in protest against bank robberies.

"We are protesting at rising incidents of dacoities (robberies) and killing of the bank's staff by bandits," said Habibuddin Jundi, head of the All Pakistan Bank Employees Federation.

More than 5,000 clerical staff took action following the death of a security guard yesterday in one of three raids in Karachi, Pakistan's largest city.

Bankers said since the beginning of June five people had died in 12 raids which netted robbers more than five million rupees (\$280,000).

Habib is a leading state-owned bank.

Security Council will discuss ...

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Flight 655 was an experienced airman who had flown from Bandar Abbas in southern Iran across the Gulf to Dubai at least 25 times.

The pilot, Captain Mohsen Rezaian, may have missed warning signals from the American cruiser Vincennes but he had definitely not been off course or descending towards the warship when his airliner was hit by at least one missile.

"I think the decision to shoot down the airplane was taken in very nervous conditions," Mahdavi said. He said a third of the trip was routinely spent climbing, a third cruising at an altitude of between 8,000 and 14,000 feet (2,450 and 4,260 metres), and a third descending before landing.

Mahdavi said Rezaian could have missed the Vincennes' warnings on the international emergency frequency since the plane's two radios are busy communicating with four control

towers after take-off — Bandar Abbas, Tehran, Kish island in the Gulf and Dubai.

But he ruled out suggestions that the Airbus could have been mistaken for a fighter jet. Another, Iran Air pilot denied yesterday American claims that the Iran Air flight 655 was transmitting on two transponders, including a frequency that had been used previously for military information.

Monitor

Capt. Massoud Razavi, who regularly flies Airbus A-300 aircraft on the same route over the Gulf as the downed Iran Air Airbus, also said pilots regularly monitor an incoming emergency radio frequency.

He said he had been challenged by the US Navy on recent flights and had responded.

Iraqi jets raid oil ...

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At 3.09 am today, radio monitors also picked up a Mayday call from a ship identifying itself as the Atlantic Ocean.

The vessel, not listed by Lloyds shipping intelligence, made no further calls and shipping sources said they suspected a hoax.

Unaware

Iranian gunboats last Sunday attacked and set fire to a Norwegian tanker, the 55,361-tonne Berge Star, in the southern Gulf.

In Canberra, a spokesman for the Foreign Affairs Department said he knew of no Australian ship at sea in the Gulf.

"We are unaware of any Australian boats operating in the Gulf," he said.

UK strikes a deal with Iran on compensation

LONDON, July 6. (AP): Britain and Iran have completed a deal to exchange compensation for damage inflicted on each other's embassies in violent incidents some eight years ago, the Foreign Office announced today.

It insisted the agreement did not mean Britain was paying "a price for better relations."

The deal, which will net Iran just over £1 million (nearly \$2 million), was struck in three weeks of intermittent negotiations that ended yesterday at a meeting between Foreign Office officials and Mohammed Besti, the Iranian Charge D'Affaires in London, a Foreign Office spokesman said.

Last month, a "broad agreement" was announced, and

the subsequent negotiations were believed to have dealt with technicalities.

Iran's willingness to negotiate, after more than a year of silence, prompted speculation that Tehran was signalling a desire to improve relations, which had been all but severed last year when a British diplomat was beaten up in Tehran and London withdrew its staff.

Criticised

The spokesman said Britain will pay Iran £2 million (\$3.4 million) in compensation for damage and subsequent upkeep of the Iranian embassy, which was gutted in 1980 when British commandos stormed it to free hostages held by opponents of the Iranian government.

In Iran, he said, will pay Britain £980,000 (\$1.67 million) for damage caused by crowds to the British embassy and affiliated buildings in Tehran following the seizure of the American embassy and its staff in 1979.

The deal was announced only two days after Iran severely criticised Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's refusal to condemn the United States for downing an Iranian airliner over the Gulf.

US Attorney-General quits

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office. The 830-page report, filed with a federal court, was not made public. The report concluded there was no basis for filing a criminal indictment.

Meese said he had remained in his post until now because he refused "to allow myself to be hounded out of office by false accusations."

More than 100 people who have served in Reagan's administration, including some of the President's closest advisers, have been investigated for wrongdoing.

Some of the investigations have resulted in convictions. Other aides have been cleared or acquitted after trial. In some cases the alleged offences occurred before or after the individual's government employment.

In Washington, Reagan defended his longtime California chum as "a darn good attorney-general," just minutes after Meese made public his decision to step down.

In a statement, Reagan said: "Ed Meese has served the American people loyally and well, he has led the Department of Justice with courage and vigour and his work on public policy has resulted in many outstanding accomplishments."

Tehran seeks contact with US

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reports of alleged direct meetings between the United States and Iran. The two countries have not had diplomatic relations since 1979, when Iran took 52 Americans hostage and held them for 444 days.

These officials have also reiterated in recent weeks a US willingness to talk with "authoritative" representatives of the Iranian government.

But this is apparently the first time a senior official has publicly acknowledged Iranian efforts to initiate a new dialogue without preconditions.

It comes at a time when Iran has suffered defeats in its eight-year-old war with Iraq and when there have been new reports that Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini's health is deteriorating.

"We have had a number of probes, I guess would be the right word; from Iran through various third parties saying they would like to talk to us and we have responded to those," Shultz said.

Two months ago, in response to what was viewed as the most legitimate overture, Washington sent word that "we are willing to

establish a channel, a single authoritative channel" to the Iranian government but so far Tehran has not responded, he said.

"We are prepared to have a direct dialogue," he added.

Shultz was questioned by reporters aboard his plane as he began an 18-day trip to Asia.

He did not speculate on how the destruction of an Iranian airliner might affect those overtures.

But referring to apparent recent Iranian moves to improve relations with Britain, France and other Western countries, Shultz said: "If Iran has decided to try to normalize itself and its basic diplomatic stance, that's a positive thing. But we have to see how that goes."

On the probes from Iran to the United States, Shultz said "they come to us in the context of international forums" but refused to be specific.

Some of the overtures came through other governments, and some through private individuals such as businessmen, US officials said.

A senior US official said the messages sent by Tehran were vague but at least some came from high levels in the Iranian government.

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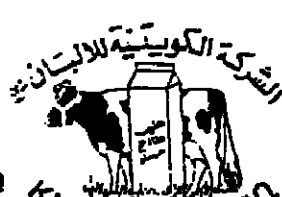
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Israel confusing Palestinians

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 6, (Reuters): Palestinians accused Israel's secret police today of distributing bogus leaflets in an attempt to sow confusion in the occupied West Bank where underground leaders of an Arab revolt have called a strike.

The 21 communiqué by the leadership of the uprising, issued on Tuesday in the West Bank and Amman, called for a two-day strike on Saturday and Sunday, and urged Palestinians to boycott Israeli products and services.

The bogus leaflet, also purporting to come from the "unified command" and widely distributed in Arab East Jerusalem and Ramallah, called for a seven-day strike next week — longer than any previous protest.

Distribution
Palestinians said they were sure it had been fabricated by Israel's Shin Bet secret service to create divisions among Palestinians who have generally adhered to leaflet calls for strikes and demonstrations.

"It seems it is the Shin Bet who have done this to confuse the population," said Daoud Kutub, a Palestinian journalist. "When they ask for a seven-day strike, people start losing confidence in the unified command."

"They have done it before, but

this time they have done it in a very sophisticated way. Initially it was quite well-distributed," Kutub said.

One Western news organisation had even reported the bogus leaflet as genuine, he said.

The authentic leaflet called for violent protests against Israeli archaeological excavations near the Al Aqsa Mosque, one of Islam's holiest sites, in the old city of Jerusalem.

It also urged Palestinians to cut ties with Israeli occupation authorities, from self-governing local committees and co-operate with Israeli leftists "who recognise Palestinian rights."

The false leaflet supported a call by senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official Bassam Abu Sharif for talks between Israel and the PLO in an international conference.

Many Palestinians said the contradiction between the radical demand for a seven-day strike and the endorsement of Abu Sharif's dovish stance proved the leaflet was a fake.

The real communiqué made no mention of Abu Sharif's initiative.

At least 10 separate incidents of stone-throwing involving Israeli cars were reported north of Jerusalem today, security sources said. Police stepped up security and were searching the area.



Mahathir suspends judges

KUALA LUMPUR, July 6, (AP): Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad today suspended five Supreme Court judges in another move indicating a growing rift between the prime minister and the judiciary.

The five were the same judges who on Saturday issued an order that an international tribunal appointed by the king last month to investigate and remove Malaysia's highest ranking judge cease giving any "recommendation, report or advice" on the case to the king.

Mahathir suspended Lord President Mohamed Salleh Abbas on May 31, saying the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong (King) Sultan Mahmood Iskandar had so requested.

He said the king had asked that a tribunal be appointed to investigate Salleh, after Salleh wrote to the king early this year.

With the suspension of the five, only five judges remain on the Supreme Court bench.

Salleh said he complained in a May 29 letter to the king about Mahathir's constant attacks on the judiciary. He also said that during a meeting with Mahathir on May 27 the Prime Minister told him he had been biased on some cases connected with Mahathir's United Malays National Organisation political party.

Mahathir has denied referring to the political party issue in the talks.

In February, the high court ruled that Mahathir's party was illegal because it had branches that were not registered with the authorities as required by law.

36 demonstrators hurt in Yerevan clash

Soviets crush Armenian revolt

MOSCOW, July 6, (UPI): Soviet troops have crushed a demonstration by Armenian nationalists who had seized Yerevan airport in the Armenian capital leaving at least 36 people injured, a Soviet government spokesman said today.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Vadim Perfilov told a Moscow news conference that the troops reacted after about 1,900 demonstrators began pelting them with rocks and bottles after refusing orders to disperse.

He said the protesters had occupied terminal buildings and runways disrupting normal air services into and out of the capital.

The people who were evicted from the building of the airport behaved disorderly throwing bottles and rocks at law enforcement officers. As a result 36 persons had to seek medical assistance," he said.

Casualty

Local journalists reached by telephone from Moscow said a general strike was continuing in Yerevan today and one said at least one demonstrator had been killed in the confrontation. They said troops backed by armoured personnel carriers were used to crush the protest.

Perfilov termed the report of

one youth being shot by police "groundless" but did admit that one person died from an act of "hooliganism" in the nearby town of Masis that was unconnected in the airport demonstration.

One journalist said at least one demonstrator was killed and between 50 and 70 were injured when troops flown into Yerevan from outside Armenia used force to re-open the airport late Tuesday.

The Communist Party newspaper Pravda reported today that "measures were taken to restore the normal operations of the air service" but gave no details of the operation.

General strike

The demonstrators are seeking control over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region which is now controlled by Azerbaijan but has a mostly Armenian population.

A senior journalist for the official Communist Party newspaper Kommunist reached by telephone in Yerevan from Moscow said one 22-year-old Armenian youth was killed when troops opened fire on the demonstrators at the city's Zvartnots airport which had been occupied by protesters since Monday.

Speaking on the condition that

his name not be used, the journalist said Yerevan, a city of 1.1 million was now paralysed by a general strike which began Monday.

He said a massive demonstration involving tens of thousands of people took place this morning in the city centre, apparently without incident.

"All factories, public transportation, most things except food shops and hospitals are closed," the journalist said.

Measures

Another reporter for the Yerevan-based Armenian language newspaper Sovetskaya Armenia said up to 70 people had been injured in the airport clash. He said there were unconfirmed reports that several people had been crushed to death when the wheels of the Army's armoured personnel carriers as they moved through the airport.

He said there were only unconfirmed reports of troops shooting at demonstrators but he did say that clashes had taken place.

"This is not militia (local police) involved in this operation. These are all-union troops that were flown in from outside Armenia in the past few days," the reporter for Sovetskaya Armenia said.

"The situation has escalated in

recent days and the measures used by the troops are much tougher," he said.

He said the entire mood of the protests which had gone on sporadically since February in Yerevan have now changed tone and become more serious because of the presence of non-Armenian troops.

Pravda said widespread strikes had closed factories in Yerevan, and nationalists have delivered an "ultimatum" demanding the return of the region to Armenian control.

Pravda said nationalist leaders made the ultimatum public during a massive street demonstration Monday. They warned work stoppages and protests would continue in Yerevan until this demand was met.

"The call for strikes has alas found support," the newspaper said.

Pravda said a large column of people broke away from a demonstration in the city's Theatre Square and marched on the airport Monday in an attempt to close it down.

"The demonstrators crowding the terminal interfered with normal work there. Airlines kept flying in but could no longer take off. A large number of passengers were stranded at the airport."

Egypt readmitted to Arab League body

TUNIS, July 6, (AP): Egypt has been formally readmitted to the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation effective next December, the organisation announced today.

In a closed-door meeting of the 20-member ALESCO executive commission last night, all but two members voted for Egypt's return. ALESCO spokesman Ahmed Gabsi said only Libyan, delegate Abdallah Hourani voted against the measure, while Syria's Ait Abdou abstained.

ALESCO is the Arab equivalent of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, UNESCO, with which it works in close cooperation.

Linked to the Arab League, ALESCO has an independent \$6-million budget for its activities throughout the Arab world. But unlike the Arab League, its executive commission takes decisions by majority vote. In the Arab League, each member nation has veto power.

Efforts

Gabsi said Egypt was suspended from membership in April 1979 following its peace treaty with Israel. Efforts to bring Egypt back into the Arab League, which suspended Egyptian membership at the same time, remain blocked by the opposition of Libya, Syria and Algeria.

The term of ALESCO's current director-general, Mohammed Saber of Sudan, expires in October, and Egypt will not be qualified to attend the ALESCO general conference due to elect his successor at that time, Gabsi said.

Seven candidates, from Mauritania, North Yemen, Iraq, Syria, Tunisia, Lebanon and Sudan are competing for the post.

The vote of the executive commission formally instructed Saber to "pursue the necessary formalities" to allow an Egyptian delegation to participate with full rights in the next session of the commission, scheduled in Tunis in December.

Soviets deny bombing Afghan town

MOSCOW, July 6, (Reuters): A Soviet spokesman denied today reports that Soviet and Afghan forces had bombed and shelled a town in Afghanistan after driving out guerrillas.

Spokesman Vadim Perfilov said Afghan government troops had stopped rebels from taking over Maydan Shahr, about 40 kilometres southwest of Kabul. "The city is under government control and there is no destruction in Maydan Shahr," Perfilov said, according to Tass news agency.

Pakistan-based diplomats said on Tuesday that Soviet and Afghan forces badly damaged the town after the guerrillas were driven out and interpreted this as a warning from Kabul of what would happen to any town that fell into rebel hands.

"What really happened was that armed opposition groups attempted to seize that city... but were foiled by the Afghan militia," Perfilov said.

Complaint
The Communist Party daily Pravda said on June 26 that Afghan rebels had seized Maydan Shahr and held it for one day before government forces regained control.

The Soviet Union protested Tuesday to the United Nations that Pakistan is violating the UN-mediated Afghanistan

accords by aiding and arming Afghan rebels and obstructing UN observers.

It was the second Soviet protest in three weeks.

"Despite Pakistan's assertions... armaments and armed opposition groups continue to move into Afghanistan from Pakistani territory," said the letter from Alexander Belonogov, the Soviet UN ambassador to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

In Geneva, meanwhile, Perez de Cuellar said Tuesday he had received "many complaints" and had sent undersecretary-general Diego Cordovez to Islamabad to investigate the matter.

The UN chief told a news conference that Cordovez, who had negotiated the Afghan agreements, was assured by President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq and others that Pakistan will implement the agreements "scrupulously and fully."

The Soviet letter, distributed at the United Nations on Tuesday, said that Pakistan is violating the Afghanistan agreements, signed in Geneva in April, by interfering in Afghanistan's internal affairs.

"These accords provide both for nine-month withdrawal of Soviet troops and for an end to interference in Afghanistan's domestic affairs."

Six die in Bangladesh cyclone

DHAKA, July 6, (AP): A cyclone swept over the Bogra district 160 kilometres northwest of Dhaka, killing six people and injuring about 200, police said today.

Several villages were battered by the cyclone and heavy rains late last night, Bogra police said by telephone.

Abdur Rahman Khan, a local government official, said the cyclone and four days of heavy rain preceding it had caused extensive damage to rice crops. More than 90 people have died in floods and storms in Bangladesh since the monsoon season started in April. Last year the monsoons claimed more than 1,200 lives.

A second wave of flooding has also hit parts of Netrokona and Mymensingh districts in the north.

Venkataraman visits Moscow

MOSCOW, July 6, (UPI): Indian President Ramaswamy Venkataraman arrived in Moscow today for the start of an 11 day visit to the Soviet Union and Mongolia — his first trip abroad as India's head of state.

The official Tass news agency said Venkataraman was greeted on his arrival by Soviet President Andrei Gromyko, who will act as his official host.

Venkataraman, 76, and a delegation of senior officials, left

for Moscow under tight security from New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport.

The overseas tour is the first by Venkataraman since he assumed the largely ceremonial post of President a year ago.

During his week in the Soviet Union, Venkataraman will have talks with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, Gromyko and other Soviet officials. He will also visit Leningrad, Tashkent and Samarkand.

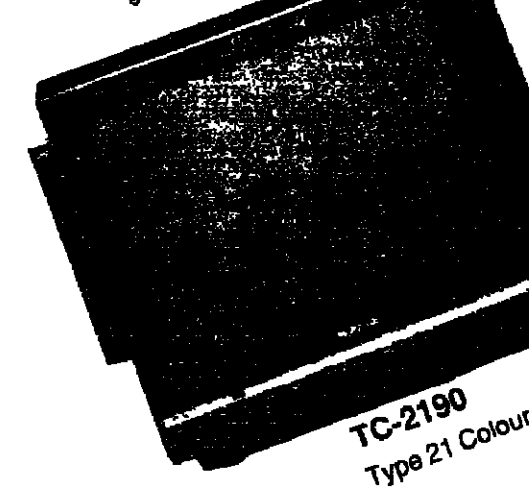
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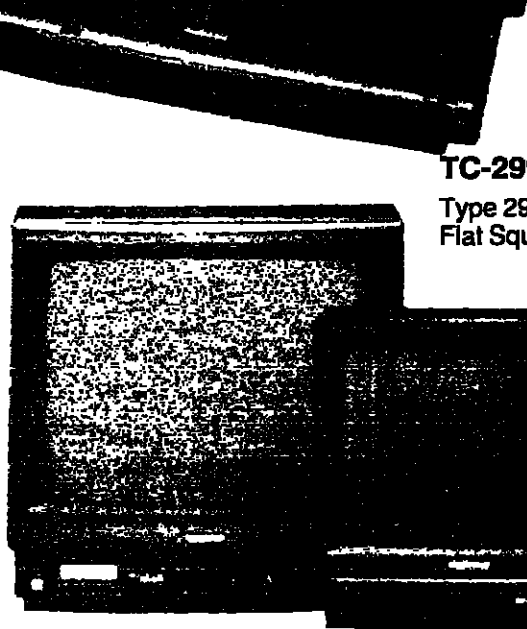
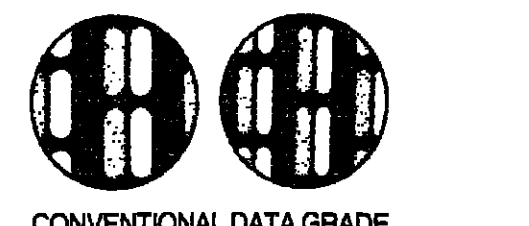
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Anglican Church votes in favour of women

LONDON, July 6, (Reuters): The Church of England Synod rejected warnings of a schism from the Archbishop of Canterbury and voted in favour of ordaining women priests.

Church legislation allowing the ordination of women passed its first major hurdle by a slim margin with Tuesday's vote by the general synod or parliament. It now faces four years of debate in the dioceses before it returns to the synod in 1992 when it will need a two thirds majority and parliamentary approval before it is enacted.

The Archbishop, Dr Robert Runcie, who personally favours allowing women to become priests, told the synod that the proposals threatened church unity and urged it to consider the costs.

After four hours of tense debate at church house in Westminster, the synod's three houses of bishops, clergy and laity all voted in favour of women becoming priests. The bishops voted 28-21 in favour, the clergy 137-102 and the laity 134-93.

The synod also agreed that priests who opted to resign rather than work alongside women would be paid £30,000 (\$51,420) in compensation.

Opponents of female ordination are worried that the legislation, which allows parishes the right to vote against having women priests, would create no-go areas and widen the rift in the church over the issue.

The proposals for female ordination, first debated 37 years ago, will need the approval of the 44 diocesan synods before it returns to the general synod. The first woman priest will not be ordained before 1993.

Owners sub-letting government houses

A LOCAL daily reported that owners of limited and middle income government houses rent parts of their houses despite a law which explicitly bars such sub-letting.

In an interview conducted by a Kuwaiti daily, many house owners explained that they were in financial difficulties, many were retired employees and found it difficult to cope with the day to day demands. The houses being too spacious, they believed it was a good opportunity to sub-let a part of these houses to tenants. They commented that sub-letting to families was not considered to be a wrong action but, renting to singles posed a question mark on the issue they added.

Hamad Fahad Al Essa a resident and house owner at one of the model areas thought nothing wrong with renting annexes to tenants, especially, he said, for those owners who are retired or are in dire financial difficulties. He however was against the idea of renting to singles because they caused problems he added.

Mubarak Al Hajeri totally rejected the concept of renting to singles at family residential areas. He said that some owners rent their annexes to women tailor shops, or even maid offices. Some owners even brought maids and hired them as

women tailors, or employed them in beauty saloons in their family residential annexes. This phenomena is widely common in Sabah Al Salem area he added.

Abdul Aziz Mejalli said that rents at commercial residential complexes is expensive. An average rent for two bedrooms amounted to KD250 — too high for a normal individual's income. Therefore, it was financially practical for low income families to rent at model areas he added.

Mubarak Al Fahad said that government houses were built for Kuwaitis and not for expatriates. He backed up the Housing Ministry decision against renting to others.



● HH the Amir yesterday received the credentials of the new ambassadors of Guinea (left) and Australia in a ceremony at the Self Palace. Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, the Amiri Diwan Undersecretary and the deputy commander of the Amiri Guards attended the ceremony.

Assad has promised to try to end camps war: Sabah

KUWAIT'S Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed yesterday said that Syrian President Hafez Al Assad "promised to exert efforts towards ending the battles in the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon."

In a statement to KUNA, Sheikh Sabah said HH the Amir's message to President Al Assad, which he delivered earlier in the week, dealt with the fighting in the Palestinian camps between rival Palestinian factions.

The Amir hoped that the Syrian President would interfere

to end the camps battles, as the latter has influence on the rival factions, he said.

He indicated that the camps battles affect what the popular uprising has achieved in the occupied Arab territories.

Satisfaction
The Syrian President responded to the Amir request and promised to make efforts towards ending the fighting between the Palestinian fighters, he added.

Sheikh Sabah expressed satisfaction on the outcome of his recent tour which included trips

to Iraq, Syria and Jordan.

He said he delivered messages to Iraqi and Syrian Presidents, Saddam Hussein and Hafez Al Assad respectively in addition to King Hussein of Jordan, from the Amir.

The Kuwaiti chief diplomat clarified that the Amir congratulated brothers in Iraq for the liberation of their territories from foreign occupation in his letter to President Saddam.

The message delivered to the Jordanian monarch tackled the Palestinian camps battles, Sheikh Sabah concluded.

Two new nursing schools planned

THE director of the School of Nursing, Sheikh Al Mazen, has said that the Public Health Ministry is planning to establish two new nursing schools, one for girls and the other for boys. She welcomed the proposal to annex the nursing school to the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, but added that this should be done at the proper time. She was critical of the attitude of nurses in Kuwait, who are often not accorded proper respect and expected to work as mere clerks in hospitals.

Family doctor
Al Mazen expressed the view that graduates of the nursing school should be allowed to go on to higher education and she stressed the importance of developing the education and work of nurses in Kuwait.

Meanwhile a senior official at the ministry said that the ministry is keen on providing all assistance towards developing the profession of the general family practitioner.

Speaking to a local newspaper, the official commented that the family practitioner plan was developed in the late seventies with the concept of providing medical attention to family members regardless of age or condition.

The official added that the ministry is constantly striving to upgrade the level of the general family practitioner and their services are meant to encompass homes, clinics, or, even in hospitals if deemed necessary.

The sources added that the general family practice enabled early detection of disease and ensured essential preventive measures in keeping with psychological, social and environmental aspects of the patient.

The official disclosed that the ministry was paying particular attention to this field and had plans for imparting training to doctors in this line of medical skills as part of its efforts to enhance the general medical services in the country.

UK company tipped to win Saudi minehunter contract

LONDON, July 6, (KUNA): The British shipbuilding company Vosper Thornycroft is expected to secure an order to supply minehunter vessels to Saudi Arabia within the next few weeks, according to several media reports here today.

The contract, for between six to eight minesweepers, would be worth £250 million to the firm, estimated reports, and could lead to further orders from other Gulf Co-operation Council states.

Vosper Thornycroft, based in Southampton, southern England, this morning refused to confirm or deny the deal. A spokesman said: "We are still turning, it is very delicate at the moment."

The company's Hunt Class minesweepers have been deployed by the Royal Navy in the Gulf in recent months, and one is said to have been lent to the

Saudis for trials. The authoritative London-based magazine Jane's defence weekly said Saudi Arabian interest was focused on Vosper's latest Sandown Class minehunter, due to service with the Royal Navy next year.

The contract is contested by a French-Dutch-Belgian consortium, and the Italian company Intermarine, added Jane's.

Summer club members for Omra

THE Ministry of Education has decided to send two groups of members of the summer clubs and swimming pools on Omra (visiting the holy places in Saudi Arabia) this year at the expense of HH the Amir.

At the request of the acting Undersecretary of Education, Abdul Mohsen Al Said, heads of summer clubs and swimming pools will nominate two Kuwaiti members from each club and pool who will be outstanding members and will not previously have gone on Omra. They should also be over 14 years old and will require approval from their fathers.

Ten years for murdering daughter

THE criminal court has sentenced a man charged with the premeditated murder of his own married daughter to ten years' imprisonment with hard labour. The court heard that the defendant could not bear the disgrace brought upon his family by his daughter's adulterous behaviour and so resolved to kill her. He stabbed her to death at her aunt's home but subsequently gave himself up to the police.



● Al Ghanim Travel Agency recently signed an agreement with the German Medical Centre whereby Al Ghanim will represent them in Kuwait. Meridian Hotel will market the package, supplied by the German Medical Centre, that includes all types of medical services for Kuwaitis and residents who seek medical treatment abroad.

Y. Al Ghanim, Public Relations Manager of Meridian shaking hands with M. Najla (left), Manager of Al Ghanim Travel Agency.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audience

HH the Amir received yesterday the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed on the occasion of his return to the country.

Sheikh Sabah briefed the Amir on results of his tour of Iraq, Syria and Jordan.

Amiri cable

HH the Amir sent a congratulatory cable to President of the Comoros Islands on the occasion of his country's National Day.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Need for peace

A KUWAITI newspaper said yesterday the American shooting down of an Iranian civilian plane over the Arabian Gulf on Sunday should be blamed on the real cause of the heightened regional tensions, the Iran-Iraq war.

Al Rai Al Aam expressed hopes that Iran would find in the tragedy a strong justification for ending its recalcitrant prosecution of the war against Iraq.

The paper said the disaster causes grief and sorrow and lends urgency to the need for peace in this region that has been torn by eight years of hostilities between two neighbouring Muslim countries.

"We as Arab Gulf states are genuinely interested in peace and security and are dutybound to press for an end to this predicament because the flying sparks of the conflict are clouding the skies over our region," the newspaper went on.

And the paper advised the Iranian leadership against vengeance against a major power like the US saying it would breed a spiral of reprisals that would claim more civilian lives.

Concluding, the paper expressed fear that the Gulf area would turn into an arena where hostile parties settle their scores.



● Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duailji Al Sabah the chairman and director general of Kuwait's Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries yesterday received at his office the Mauritanian Minister of Information Mohammed Haibetna Ould Sidi Haibna who is currently visiting the country and discussed with him matters of mutual interest.

Ministries upgrading services

AS proposed by Kuwaiti mukhtars, several ministries have undertaken a number of measures to upgrade services all over the country, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed said on Wednesday.

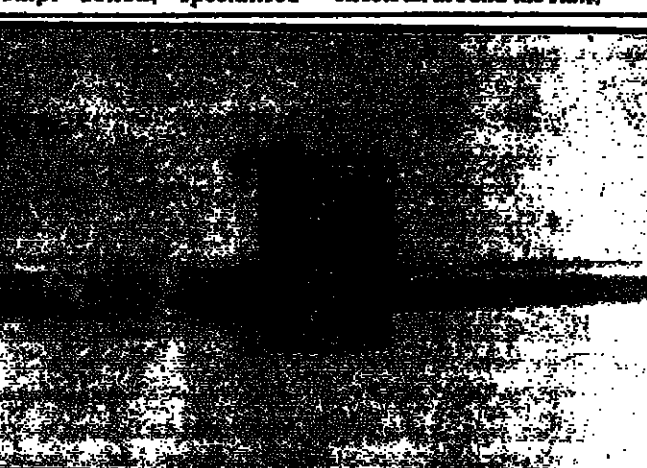
In response to a KUNA question, the minister said following a meeting with HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah and the mukhtars at Al Shaab Palace last February, the ministries executed a number of steps toward this matter under guidance of Sheikh Saad.

He added that to ensure prompt action, specialised

government teams were assigned to inform the government's institutions on implementing those suggestions.

Since then, the ministries have built a number of children and public gardens, paved a number of side walks as first stage, tightened security and added more police patrol cars, Al Rashed said.

He added that the concerned quarters will also speed up the completion of a multi-storey car park at the university campus in Al Khaldiya in addition to greening and developing several streets all around the state.



● A Kuwaiti claims to possess the smallest Holy Quran which is just 2.7 cm long and 1.16 cm wide. He acquired it from a friend ten years ago. The friend's grandfather was the previous owner and the estimated age of this version is over 100 years. Picture shows the smallest Holy Quran compared to the size of a ball point pen.

Travellers facing delays at Kuwaiti border posts

AS many travellers prefer to travel overland in order to use their own vehicles whilst on vacation, but there are inevitable delays at border posts, despite the presence of additional personnel to cope with the rush.

A local newspaper visited the Salmi border post and met with travellers and officials. As usual, travellers complained of hold-ups and called for more post officials and disciplinary action for those who help their friends first. They added that border posts lacked rest areas and cafeterias.

Salmi is one of the main border posts in Kuwait as it leads to many countries and should therefore give a favourable first impression of the country. Some of the travellers inter-

viewed voiced their complaints against the post. Abdulhadi Moawid called for the provision of a resting area and Naahmi Hussain said delays should be prevented, especially in the heat of the summer months. Helal Al Anzi said that travellers would not be held up if the number of passport officers were doubled.

Busiest
The Salmi border post's officer in charge, Khaled Mansour Al Dousari, said that one thousand cars were inspected on a daily basis, the busiest days being Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. He pointed out that some travellers created problems by ignoring laws and regulations, for instance when they bring prohibited foodstuffs into Kuwait.

He said that the public customs

department provided border posts with a larger number of inspectors to face the rush during the summer and hajj. Inspectors at Salmi post are distributed over three shifts, 30 officers on each. They are considered as security men who protect the security and the economy of the country and prevent the entry of prohibited items, narcotics and firearms being highest on the list of things detected at the post.

Al Dousari said the number of travellers was rising, especially since the opening of the short cut via Nwabiya road. He added that there had been many developments at the post since its establishment and that inspection officers regularly underwent training to match developments at all levels.

Kuwait's aid to Lebanon praised

LEBANESE acting Prime Minister Salim El Hoss has praised Kuwait for its aid to Lebanon in an interview published yesterday, adding that his country will not forget the help Kuwait provided.

Interviewed by Al Seyassah, El Hoss said that he anticipated some positive developments in the Lebanese arena in August whether in the economical or security fields.

The economic situation in Lebanon has improved in the last few months, the acting prime minister noted.

Contacts between both Lebanese and Syrian Presidents Amin Gemayel and Hafez Al Assad respectively since the Algiers Arab Summit aim at guaranteeing a smooth presidential elections in Lebanon.

El Hoss denied, meanwhile, presence of efforts reportedly exerted to end his and Parliament Speaker Hussein Al Hussein's boycott of Gemayel.

The boycott followed Gemayel's refusal to endorse a Damascus sponsored tripartite agreement to end civil war in Lebanon.

173 dentistry units

SOURCES at the Ministry of Public Health said that the dentistry department comprised 173 units and employed 315 dentists in addition to 28 trainees.

Supportive staff comprised 297 nurses 31 X-ray technicians and 66 dentistry lab technicians.

Last year the number of patients visiting the departments amounted to 1,382,922 compared to 685,431 persons in 1979.

A survey to carry out a dental preventive programme for pupils of schools was carried out in co-operation with an American dentistry centre in Boston and covered 8,000 pupils, the source added.

Municipality supports training programmes

OFFICIALS at Kuwait Municipality have indicated their strong support for the training programmes in various technical fields.

In a speech marking the conclusion of the third phase of the technical training programme at Kuwait Municipality, the Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Mohammad Saied Abdul Mohsen Al Rifai stressed the importance of preparing qualified citizens for actively participating and contributing to the national development.

He said that the Municipality paid great attention to the training programmes of its staff in various technical fields with a view to upgrading their performance and meeting the

requirements of different administrative and technical levels.

Also speaking on the occasion, the director general of Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Ahmad Al Jassar, said that the training course was organised with the assistance of KISR. This was the twelfth course in which 133 staff participated. He said that 99 per cent of the total participants in all the courses were Kuwaitis.

Al Jassar reaffirmed the vital role played by the institute in supporting the national development and contributing towards scientific research to further develop the self-reliance of the country in accordance with the directions of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Study on smoke emission

THE environmental sciences division at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) undertook a study on smoke emission from exhausts of vehicles operating on diesel.

The study was a contractual agreement with the Environmental Protection Council in co-operation with the Ministry of Interior and the Kuwait Public Transportation Company.

The report indicated that smoke emitted by diesel vehicles is relatively higher than smoke emitted by gasoline operated vehicles.

Trained
The study aimed at explaining the operation of diesel operated engines and factors affecting the amount of smoke emitted. Gathered data are exhibited to trainees through lectures at the Ministry of Interior.

Technical employees will be trained on the application of modern technology devices such as "smoke metres" to measure smoke emission from buses and

trucks tested at the technical testing stations of the public traffic department.

Technicians tested 47 trucks and buses of various models using the smoke metre method. Statistical analysis indicated that vehicles models had no effect on the rate of emitted smoke and revealed that smoke rate, emitted from buses and trucks in Kuwait is relatively low.

Spanish message

KUWAIT'S Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed yesterday received a message from his Spanish counterpart Francisco Fernandez Ordóñez that included his appreciation to a previous invitation to visit Kuwait.

The message was delivered by Spanish Ambassador Juan Jose Arpil during a meeting with director of the minister's office Abdulla Al Abdul Razzaq. Ordóñez is scheduled to visit Kuwait next October.

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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

German Painting Exhibition

A 10-day exhibition of German paintings will be held at the Kuwait Hilton Hotel from July 10. More than 30 paintings, representing the work of a group of German artists known as The Blue Rider, will be shown in the Hilton's lobby. The show has been organised by the German embassy in Kuwait.

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. Some of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

CINEMA

British Council

The Elephant Man, a feature film, will be shown on July 9 and 10, 6.30 pm. Superbly photographed in black and white, it is an unforgettable amalgam of images in the style of 19th century pioneer photography which develops with the story of emotional intensity. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204; 2533227.

SOCIAL

German-speaking Cultural Association

The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a monthly basis during the summer months. Coffee mornings will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

Onam Festival

The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese - 4314511, Thomas Perumpilly - 4810490 ext. 207, Varghese Paradayil - 2422973.

D'Assisi Association

The association will hold a social evening cum entertainment on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena - 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 am, 3717346 (pm) or Augustin 5746754, after 6 pm.

Summer Belle 88

The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves - 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn

Melon promotion featuring cool melon slices is being held at the hotel, until July 15. Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 pm; a la carte also offered.

At the Sheraton

Italian hospitality is provided in the Riccardo Restaurant. Dine in the restaurant with music by the Sienna Duo. The Riccardo is also open for lunch during the week.

Al Hambra offers a sumptuous brunch buffet every Friday.

On Thursday Le Tarbouche features Arab World specialties for dinner in a typical Lebanese atmosphere. Live entertainment is provided by the solo-harpist, Harp Dreams.

At the Meridien

La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm, for families. Also open for breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, featuring buffet or a la carte.

Al Waha features melon promotion, offering watery, juicy and refreshing melon delights, until July 15.

At the Hilton

La Palma has introduced a new 10-day lunch and dinner buffet cycle featuring a variety of Arabic and international dishes, soups, mezzes, salads and desserts to suit all tastes. Open daily from 6.30 am to midnight.

Beat the summer heat at the La Patisserie, offering ice cream creations, fresh fruit juice and cocktail creations. Open daily from 10.30 am to 10.45 pm. In the evenings, listen to piano music played by the in-house pianist Richard.

At the Continental

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays; the buffet features grills specialties. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arab and Continental cuisine. The Dhabar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily on Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

At the SAS

Al Bustan and the Lobby Bar are featuring strawberry creations, such as strawberry meringue, a meringue bowl filled with fresh strawberries, served plain, also featured. The promotion continues until July 14.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.25 Space Adventure: cartoons
- 10.15 Thamar Al Shok: daily serial, with Abdul Munim Madbouli, Rashwan Tawfiq, Fatima Tabae.
- 11.00 News Summary
- 11.15 Alabhu Munira: local serial, starring Khalid Al Nafisi, Muna Jabar, Saad Ardash, Dawood Hussein, Mohammad Manaa.
- 12.00 Good Morning/News
- 12.15 International Circus
- 1.00 Football: Brazil vs. Australia, live from Sydney for the Australia Bicentennial Celebrations.
- 3.05 Religious programme
- 3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoon serial
- 4.00 News Summary
- 4.15 The Saint: featuring Roger Moore
- 5.00 Liqa Al Khamis: weekly local show
- 7.15 Wa Qalat Al Arab: daily serial
- 7.50 Al Farooqiya Wal Zaman: prepared and presented by Mohiuddin Qudoor.
- 8.30 With Islam: prepared and presented by Dr Khalid Al Madhkur.
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 From People's Art: Songs and Music
- 10.30 Al Ashmawi: Arabic feature film, starring Farid Shawkim, Hala Fuad, Dalal Abdulaziz, Ibrahim Khan.
- 12.00 Late Night Variety Show presented by Amina Al Sharah.
- 1.00 News Summary/Holy Quran/Closedown

FRIDAY

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Cartoons
- 9.30 Children's Magazine
- 10.15 Al Saif Al Mafkoud: children's serial, featuring Abdul Aziz Haddad, Ahmad Al Hazim, Ali Al Mufeedi.
- 10.45 Prophet's Sayings: hadith, religious programme, presented by Dr Ahmad Abul Noor.
- 11.15 Friday Prayer from Grand Mosque
- 12.25 Rida Wal Noor: religious serial, prepared and presented by Kariman Hamza.
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 World News via Satellite
- 1.35 Songs
- 2.00 Preview of Next Week on KTV
- 2.30 Hadith: Deeni: religious talk
- 3.30 Al Damm Yahna (B/W): Arabic film featuring Ismael Yaseen, Durriya Ahmed, Mimi Shuk-ah, Hussein Riyadh.
- 5.45 Cartoons
- 6.15 Songs
- 7.00 Kuwait in a Week
- 7.30 A Seminar on Islamic Philosophy: "The Rights of Man."
- 8.25 Kul Al Funoon: Focus on Art
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Wrestling
- 10.50 Naseeb: Kuwaiti play, featuring Abdullah Habil, Maryam Saleh, Mohammad Jaber, Khalil Ismail. Directed by Mohammad Abdul Salaam.
- 11.45 News Summary
- 11.50 World News via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown



I Married Dora, a comedy, features Daniel Hugh Kelly, Henry Jones, Juliette Lewis, Jason Horst and Elizabeth Pena, 9.30 pm, KTV 2 on Thursday.

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Bionic Six: cartoons
- 6.30 Sesame Street: an education series for young viewers
- 7.30 Full House: "Our Very First Show." After a wife walks out on her husband, he gets the job of taking care of three young children.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 High Mountain Ranges: thriller about three men who escape from prison and their adventures.
- 9.30 I Married Dora: comedy about an American family and their maid, Dora Calderon. Dora had a real problem: she is an illegal alien and about to be deported, so Peter Farrel gallantly marries her. But is it a marriage of convenience or a real one?

Starring: Daniel Hugh Kelly, Henry Jones, Juliette Lewis, Jason Horst and Elizabeth Pena.

10.00 Hit Squad: candid camera and practical jokes.

10.30 Late Night Movie.

FOOTBALL NOTE: Australian Bicentennial Football Tournament will be shown by Kuwait Television. Today's match is between Australia and Brazil. Watch Kuwait TV for announcement of timing.

"Take Your Best Shot." (1982 TVM). Struggling actor juggles a failing marriage and flagging career in this comedy. Starring: Robert Urich, Meredith Baxter-Birney. Duration: 100 minutes.

12.20 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY
2.00 Holy Quran

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

Morning
0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Pop International
0930 Your Kind of Music
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1030 The Hit Makers
1100 Closedown
1330 News on FM Service

Evening
2100 Opening
2102 Songs and Music
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music
2200 Understanding the Holy Quran
2215 Sounds of the Eighties
2245 Daily Programme
2300 The Way You Like It
2330 Songs and Music
2400 Closedown

FRIDAY
0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Muslims Around the World
0915 Songs and Music
0930 Kiddies Corner
1000 Songs and Music
1030 Singers and their Songs
1100 Closedown
Evening
2100 Opening
2102 Songs and Music
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music
2200 The Friday Request
2400 Closedown

FM Services

0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1100 Country and Western
1300 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News
1400 Alam Al Nagham: Classical Music
1600 Easy Listening
1700 Arabic Songs and Music
1800 Party Music
1900 Scene and Heard
2000 Party Music
2130 News
2145 Party Music
0200 Closedown

FRIDAY
0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1100 Country and Western
1200 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News on FM
1400 Easy Listening
1500 Classical Hour
1600 Easy Listening
1700 Arabic Instrumental Music
1800 Pops
1900 International Top 20
2000 News
2145 Pops
2300 Easy Listening
2400 Instrumental Listening

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 Behereen Qaul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report

1940 Perchayin
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Radio Magazine
2100 Closedown

FRIDAY
0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Pop International
0930 Your Kind of Music
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1030 The Hit Makers
1100 Closedown
1330 News on FM Service

SBC World Services

0800 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsworld
30 Radio Active (ex 28th Two Cheers for July)
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 Waveguide
40 Book Choice
45 Society Today
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 7th The Art of the Weatherman; 14th English Wine - A Growth Industry; 21st The Future of British Universities; 28th The Silent Army
0400 Newsweek
30 Classical Record Review
45 Reflections
50 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Public Choice
45 The World Today
0600 Newsweek
30 Time for Verse (ex 7th Irving Berlin Among Friends)
40 The Farming World
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Guitar Workshop
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Country Style
30 John Peel
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 Society Today
1000 News Summary followed by Assignment
30 Radio Active (ex 28th Two Cheers for July)
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 New Ideas (ex Sportsworld)
25 Book Choice (ex 21st)
30 Citizens
1200 Radio Newsworld
15 Multitrack 2
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Network UK (ex 7th Folk in Britain; 21st Sportsworld)
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
45 Write On ...
1500 Radio Newsworld
15 The Pleasure's Yours
1600 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Assignment
45 The World Today
1700 World News
09 Commentary
15 Citizens
45 Sports Roundup
1800 Newsweek
30 The Pop Science Programme
1900 Outlook, opening with News summary
39 Stock Market Report

45 Here's Humph! 2000
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Meridian
2100 News Summary followed by Talking From
15 A Jolly Good Show
2200 World News
09 The World Today
25 Book Choice
30 Financial News
40 Reflections
45 Sports Roundup
2300 World News
09 Commentary
15 Seven Seas
30 Time for Verse (ex 7th Irving Berlin Among Friends)
40 The Farming World

Friday
0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsworld
30 Music Now
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 Jazz Scene UK; (ex 8th and 22nd Folk in Britain)
45 Talking From ... (ex 1st The Mixer)
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Health Matters (ex 1st Sports-world)
30 Citizens
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 The Vintage Chart Show
0400 Newsweek
30 Country Style
30 Reflections
50 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Meridian
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Write On ...
45 Seven Seas (ex 1st Sports-world)
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 A Schubert Anthology
30 Music Now
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 The Third Policeman (ex 1st The Mixer; 8th A Sea of Troubles; 15th Midnight Express)
1000 News Summary followed by Guitar Workshop
15 Seven Seas
30 Jazz for the Asking
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Talking From ... (ex 1st and 22nd Sportsworld)
30 Meridian
1200 Radio Newsworld
15 Europe's World
30 Business Matters
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 John Peel (ex 1st Sportsworld; 22nd Folk in Britain)
45 (22nd only) Sportsworld
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
45 Nature Notebook (ex 17th Sportsworld)
1500 Radio Newsworld
15 After Henry (ex 29th Parishes and Persepolis)
45 The Racing Game (ex 29th)
1600 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Science in Action (ex 1st Sports-world)
45 The World Today
1700 World News
09 Commentary
15 Music Now
45 Sports Roundup

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NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Salem Pharmacy
nr. Sheraton, Fahd Al Salem St.
Al Amal Pharmacy
Mubarak Al Kabir St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Hawalli Pharmacy
Tunis St.
Salmiya and Rumaithiya
Phoenix Pharmacy
Area 1, Khalid Essa Bldg., Salem Al Mubarak St.
Fahsheel and Ahmadi
Al Bastoor Pharmacy
Qais Al Ghanem Bldg., Dabbous St.
Fahsheel
Jleeb Al Shiyouk
Al Salamah Pharmacy
Block 2, Main St.
Jahra
Al Zahra Pharmacy
New Market

FRIDAY

Kuwait
Salem Pharmacy
nr. Sheraton, Fahd Al Salem St.
Tall Pharmacy
Opp. Education Ministry, Hilali St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Qatani Pharmacy
Beirut St.
Salmiya and Rumaithiya
Maideen Pharmacy
Off. Haroun Al Rashid St.
Fahsheel and Ahmadi
Sadaf Pharmacy
Makkah St.
Khaitan
Al Tawfiq Pharmacy
Raj'an Commercial Centre, South St.
Jahra
Al Khalid Pharmacy
Opp. Co-operative Society

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.21 am
Zuhr 11.53
Asr 3.27 pm
Maghreb 6.51
Isha 8.22

FRIDAY

Fajr 3.21 am
Friday prayer 11.53
Asr 3.27 pm
Maghreb 6.51
Isha 8.22

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Desperately Seeking Susan
Starring: Madonna
Al Salmiya
The Last Shark
Starring: James Francisco, Vicki Moro.
Al Hamra
Killzone
Starring: David James



Raj Kiran plays the black sheep in the Hindi family social, Pyar Ka Mandir, now showing at the Firdous Cinema.

Drive-In
Laila Al Kadd Ala Bakara
Wa Zaghloul (Arabic)
Starring: Suhair Babi, Issad Yunus

Al Firdous
Pyar Ka Mandir (Hindi)
Starring: Mithun Chakraborty, Madhavi

Fahsheel Open-Air
Jeete Hain Shaan Se (Hindi)

Al Fahsheel
Prothigsha (Bengali)

Al Jahra
Qaher Al Fursan (Arabic)

Granada
Night Stick

Salaikhahat
Unnikale Oru Katha Parayam (Malayalam)

Al Jleeb
Insaaf Ki Pukar (Hindi)

Ahmadi Drive-In
Al Za'ab (Arabic)

FRIDAY

Al Jahra
Predator
Granada
Jungle Ki Beti (Hindi)
Salaikhahat
Wild Force
Al Jleeb
Jaan Hatheli Pe (Hindi)



Mithun Chakraborty appears in Pyar Ka Mandir

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

NOTHING in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood — Marie Curie, Polish-born physicist (1867-1934).

Spanish Socialists come under fire

By Fraçois Raltberger

MADRID, (Reuters): Half-way through his second four-year term as Spanish prime minister, Felipe Gonzalez is facing loud domestic criticism but appears to be one of the best-entrenched political leaders in Western Europe.

Critics variously accuse his ruling Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE) of falling for the trappings of power, peddling influence, being yuppies, aloof or arrogant.

The man-on-the-street often perjures itself to them as "estos" (this lot).

"Normal mid-term grumbling," a senior government official said, dismissing as temporary a wave of criticism in the press and on the streets.

Spain's international image is fast improving, although critics say Gonzalez cares more for prestige abroad than for workers at home.

The economy is growing at an annual six per cent faster than any other in the European Economic Community. But opponents say the recovery has led to three million jobs, the highest unemployment rate in Western Europe.

Inequalities
Social inequalities become more glaring as economic growth sends money flowing through the banking and services sector.

There are many more luxury cars around, but also more beggars than a few years ago.

The new opulence of central Madrid is in striking contrast to run-down northern towns where police battle angry workers left jobless by the streamlining of loss-making heavy industry.

Anti-inflation wage restraint policies have caused a major rift between the PSOE and its trade union arm, the General Union of Workers (UGT), as workers clamour for a larger part of the growing prosperity.

Two cases involving allegations against police are also causing an outcry. Seven policemen are on trial in connection with the disappearance of a petty criminal, and a judge is investigating accusations that a police officer helped set up a death squad to stamp out Basque separatist guerrillas.

But despite criticism of the government, opinion polls show Gonzalez, 46 and in power since 1982, is headed for a third four-

year term in general elections in 1990.

"What's the alternative?" salesman Manuel Pantin asked, echoing widely-expressed disenchantment.

Failed
Opposition parties, numbed by the Socialists' six-year-old dominance in parliament, have failed to capitalise on the social discontent.

The most recent political test, elections for a regional parliament in Catalonia last May, belied press forecasts of a PSOE decline.

Catalan Nationalists won the poll but the PSOE easily held its ground, while the right-wing main opposition Popular Alliance (AP) Party lost nearly half its seats.

Premier Adolfo Suarez, who has vowed to win office again and is seen by the Socialists as their most dangerous rival, failed to make an expected breakthrough.

Government officials say their private opinion polls show the PSOE would win the next general election but might lose the absolute majority it has held since 1982.

Although he has ruled out any major policy change, there are signs that Gonzalez will soon try to recapture the initiative ahead of next year's elections to the European Parliament.

Officials said he was poised to reshuffle his cabinet in which several ministers have been serving for six years.

Benefits
He is reported to be preparing to boost social benefits in next year's budget, and he has recently had talks with UGT leader Nicolas Redondo to try to patch up the dispute with the union.

The opposition seems unable to mount a decisive challenge. "The Socialists have a party and a leader. The right has a party but no leader and the centrists have a leader without a party," a conservative politician said.

AP's 37-year-old leader Antonio Hernandez Mancha, who took over from veteran politician Manuel Fraga last year, faces a struggle for political survival as some fear he could lead the party to disaster in the general election.

Fraga gave up the leadership of AP after critics said his role as a minister under the late General Francisco Franco limited the party's appeal to voters.

Autocratic government

SIR: Democratic India is autocratically ruled. The prime minister, elected by the people acts in an autocratic manner. He hires and fires chief ministers and even tries to wave his magic wand to topple opposition parties. The chief ministers are members of state legislatures and are directly responsible to the electorate. Isn't it undemocratic to dismiss chief ministers?

The loopholes in the Indian constitution, even though amended several times, allow a ruling party to exercise their power in an autocratic manner.

The present government is run by a bunch of power-hungry, inexperienced, hand-picked henchmen. Indians

should unite, forgetting their differences — class, creed, language and religion. By merging the numerous political parties, one or two strong parties could be formed. India's development is based on national unity. United we stand, divided we fall. The Indians can fulfil the Ram Rajya dream of the late Indian leader, Mahatma Gandhi only if we are united.

R. J. Saldanha Prabhu, Sefat.

Judge by the achievements

SIR: This refers to Sumita Samant's letter about school fees in private schools. One must judge a school on its academic achievements rather than its facilities.

As a family, we consider ourselves fortunate that our children attended the New English School (NES) and achieved high academic results leading on to college and university in the UK. NES is an education centre of excellence and fully deserves its "Merit" award incorporated into the school fees.

Teachers' salaries have risen in the UK. If a school in Kuwait wishes to recruit good quality staff it has to pay a good salary. Therefore, I consider the lack of a swimming pool insignificant in comparison with the dedication of the teaching staff of high academic standards.

Education has always been expensive but it is the greatest gift one can give a child.

John C. Davies, Sefat.

Letters sent back

SIR: Letters sent by our families from our home countries have been sent back though addresses, including code numbers, were written clearly on the envelopes. Also, letters posted in Kuwait are often returned to the sender, without being forwarded to the addressee.

This is a matter of deep concern to us who depend only on mail to get news from our families. The non-delivery of mail has affected our work; we can't concentrate on it any more.

Often the delivery of mail is delayed. Our work is affected if we do not get letters from our families regularly.

We hope the postal authorities will look into the complaints.

Nila P. Abug, Jahra.

Six-month rule

SIR: I request the immigration authority to review the six month re-entry ban imposed from the beginning of this year. Though their visas are valid often children and women who have stayed out of Kuwait for over six months are stopped at the airport.

I request the authority to impose the ban only on people working in Kuwait. Housewives and children should be allowed a little more freedom of movement.

M. S. Ahmed, Farwaniya.

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Palestinian detainees become local heroes

Prison experience helps perpetuate uprising

By George D. Moffett III

HEBRON, Israeli-occupied West Bank: When Muhammad — not his real name — was arrested and sent four months ago to Israel's Kityot prison (better known as Ansar 3), he was just another teenager apprehended for throwing stones at a passing Israeli jeep.

Today, back home in his West Bank refugee camp, Muhammad is something of a local hero. He is more mature, politically sophisticated, and committed to the 7-month Palestinian intifada (uprising) against Israel's 21-year occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israel has detained thousands of Palestinians since December to break the back of the uprising. But as even some Israeli officials concede, the prison experience, in many cases, has probably had the unintended reverse effect of perpetuating the intifadah by becoming a training school for it.

In the crowded cells of dozens of Israeli prisons and detention

centres, young men like Muhammad are making the contacts, learning the radical politics, and gaining the enhanced local prestige that have made them leaders of the uprising.

"I came out (of prison) with more commitment," says the 18-year-old Muhammad, who, like others interviewed, asked not to be named. "I'm more ready to become politically involved — and more ready to take risks."

Respect

"I've gained more respect (in others' eyes) based on greater exposure and knowledge," he adds. The brief period in custody has made him something of a celebrity among the youngsters and teenagers who congregate around him as he makes his rounds of the camp. Even the elders seem deferential, as if to the first college graduate in a family of grade-school dropouts.

Ansar 3, a compound of barbed-wire fences, guard towers, and tents in the Negev Desert, is one of several detention centres

operated by the Israeli Army to hold unconvicted prisoners. Detainees and human rights groups complain of overcrowding and cruel treatment at the facilities. Six conventional prisons, operated by the Ministry of Police, hold sentenced prisoners.

Scared

One way prison nourishes the uprising is by providing exposure to other Palestinians with a common experience, several former inmates say.

Another former Ansar 3 detainee says that prison broke down a sense of isolation, which came from living in a small Arab village, and made him part of a common cause. Through the long hours of confinement, inmates brought together from around the West Bank and Gaza compare wounds and humiliations suffered under the Israeli occupation.

"It gives substance to what we've heard (about the occupation)," another former inmate and resident of Muhammad's

camp says.

"It has the opposite effect (from what the Israelis intended)," adds another, now living in Hebron. "I became less scared, because I saw that I was not alone."

Prison gives many Palestinians their first exposure to a structured political environment, because Israel keeps a tight rein on political activity in the occupied territories to prevent pro-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) activities. In most Israeli prisons, networks of cell committees and designated spokesmen orchestrate protests and strikes in response to prison conditions that have been successful in exacting reforms from Israeli authorities.

"People see the organisation (in the prisons) and they get ideas," a cause-and-effect relationship at work they've never seen before. These are lessons transferable to the intifadah.

One West Bank Palestinian who spent four years in Israeli

jails also underscores the role Israel's conventional prisons play in the political indoctrination of Palestinians.

Daily "collective" sessions, usually involving anywhere from five to 25 inmates, are typically devoted to political instruction by inmates who belong to various PLO factions, like Al-Fatah and the Political Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Homework

The sessions can last two hours and involve "homework" from books circulating through the prison's black market. They teach political theory and give a historical perspective to the uprising.

For the Marxist factions the agenda is expanded to include self-criticism, Chinese-style, where prisoners are helped by their peers to spot errant tendencies.

Meanwhile, each faction has its own "magazine," usually no more than several hand-written pages, which circulates clandestinely throughout the prison.

Another "layer" of education, says the former inmate, consists of weekly discussions by all the prisoners in one cell of political topics, usually current events and tactics to combat Israel's occupation.

In the more transient detention centres, where prison terms are shorter, the regimen is less structured, focussing mostly on factional indoctrination, but with the same general political consciousness-raising effect.

Short of having a guard in each cell, Israeli authorities concede there is little to be done to prevent the jails from becoming centres for political education.

"The prisons have taught thousands of people, and this is helping in the uprising," a former inmate in Hebron says.

"For me, 95 per cent of my conscience, my education, came from this school," says another former inmate, who entered a Ramallah jail at the age of 18.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

Mindful of 1968 disaster

Czechoslovaks wary of reforms

By Alison Smale

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, (AP): Twenty years after Soviet tanks crushed Alexander Dubcek's "Prague Spring" of reform, Czechoslovaks are deeply leery of the changes now proclaimed in Moscow and echoed by their own leaders.

A key reason is that Dubcek was crushed and disgraced for trying them, or at least letting them go too far.

Czechoslovaks today wonder if the same will happen to Mikhail Gorbachev and his Soviet reforms — perestroika (restructuring) and glasnost (openness) — leaving them worse off than they are now.

They are aware that old-time, conservative communists are still around and a fear of their traditional hard line remains.

The scepticism of reform surfaces in current jokes.

● What is the difference between Mikhail Gorbachev and Alexander Dubcek? None, but Gorbachev doesn't know it yet.

● What is the difference between perestroika and chess? In chess, you think before you move.

Stunned

In the years after the Prague Spring, Czechs and Slovaks still seemed stunned by the Soviet-led invasion on the night of Aug 20-21, 1968, that erased Dubcek's movement to bring a new face to Czechoslovak communism — multi-party politics, freedom of the press, speech and religion, a liberalised economy.

When it was over Dubcek was expelled from the Communist Party and went off to his native Slovakia to work as a clerk in a forestry office.

At the same time, the chanting, singing, joyous people of the Prague Spring vanished from the

streets and squares. Most retreated morosely back to their private lives to pursue a material wealth that was the party's reward for their political silence.

In 1988, that post-invasion reward is running low.

Czechoslovakia's outmoded industry is performing poorly, forcing planners to scale down production targets and to slash coveted wage bonuses.

Shortages are again apparent in shops.

On the political front, while Prague's leaders tinker with reform, the winds of change blowing from Gorbachev's Kremlin are prompting more citizens to challenge the communists on issues ranging from ecology to cultural and religious freedom.

Wary

But the memory of 1968 makes Czechoslovaks wary of placing too much faith in Gorbachev and in turn their own leaders, as well as reforms.

As one Prague man put it, Soviet reforms sound to Czechoslovaks like "the right ideas from the wrong side."

Even deeper scepticism is reserved for the cautious reforms adopted so far by the communist leaders installed by Moscow 20 years ago to make sure Dubcek's experiments would not be repeated.

After spending 18 years assailing change, Czechoslovakia's communists have now fallen in step behind Gorbachev, endorsing perestroika and adopting the rhetoric of reforms. But the sense among many in Prague is that there is no guarantee of any meaningful or lasting effect.

This past December, the party even changed its leader, substituting a 65-year-old apparition, Milos Jakes (pronounced

ya-kesh), for an increasingly frail Gustav Husak, 75.

Jakes immediately set about trying to revamp the image of the party leader, emulating Gorbachev by taking well-publicised trips to factories and farms to chat with workers.

Reforms

Borrowing many phrases from Gorbachev, Jakes spoke of the need for economic and social reform at a key party meeting in April that brought some new, younger faces into the party elite.

But Jakes lacks Gorbachev's touch: At February's snow-dampened celebrations of the 40th anniversary of communist power, crowds streamed away from the square when Jakes got up to speak.

Few Czechoslovaks can forget that it was Jakes who oversaw the expulsion of almost 500,000 party members in a post-Dubcek purge.

They also know that Husak, who took over from Dubcek in March 1969, is still on the ruling politburo.

When Jakes talks of reform, however, he pointedly omits mention of glasnost, which has brought startling frankness to the Soviet media. Jakes stresses that Czechoslovakia's 1.7 million communists must dictate the pace and shape of any change.

An unspoken fear is that reform will spin outside the party's control, as the communists say it did in Dubcek's days.

Even economic change is treated with extreme caution, particularly by managers who report that overhasty reforms in the Soviet Union are making it difficult for them to deal with Soviet enterprises.

Planned decentralisation of management is not likely to go as far here as it has in the Soviet Union and won't be in full force until 1991.

Hasty

"Restructuring cannot be too hasty," said Svatopluk Smutny, an economics editor at the Communist Party newspaper Rude Pravo. "It is far too important a change and needs to be thought out in detail and consequences."

Communists like Smutny reluctantly admit to some parallels between the current situation and 1968, when Dubcek at the age of 46 became party leader with a mandate to implement market-oriented reforms designed to boost the economy.

But Dubcek opted for political reform as well, advocating changes Gorbachev now wants 20 years later.

It was a heady spell wistfully remembered by many.

"It was, quite simply, the best time of my life," recalled one man who was then a teenager in Prague.

Bombay slum dwellers live in dread of the monsoon's fury

By Dev Varam

BOMBAY, (Reuters): Most of India is praying for rain, but Bombay's slum dwellers live in dread of the monsoon's fury.

"God, spare us this monsoon," mutters Gul Kudianwala, standing on the balcony of her ramshackle first floor flat in a crumbling five-storey block.

The rest of the country prays for rain that it hopes will end one of the worst droughts this century but Kudianwala and her neighbours look worriedly at the sky as the clouds gather.

The 100-year-old building in which Kudianwala and her family live survived the first monsoon downpour which lashed the city two weeks ago, but may not last much longer.

Killed

"We are living under the shadow of death, but we have no choice," said a neighbour who has a small business on the ground floor.

The monsoon threatens the survival of many of Bombay's oldest and most dilapidated buildings, thought to house some 150,000 people.

According to the Bombay fire brigade, 158 people have been killed and 565 injured in the last three years as 1,204 houses collapsed, most of them during or soon after the monsoon months of June to October.

The state-owned Bombay



Residents live in a building which partially collapsed due to heavy rains recently. The rains, a blessing to most Indians, are feared by the slum dwellers because the monsoon threatens the survival of many old and dilapidated buildings, thought to house some 150,000 people. (Reuters wirephoto)

Fire officer D.J. Kulkarni said the collapses were concentrated in crowded central Bombay, the old section of the city, where narrow lanes slow down rescue operations.

"It is far more difficult to rescue people who are trapped under tonnes of rubble in pouring rain than to fight a raging fire," Kulkarni said.

The state-owned Bombay

Housing and Area Development Board has declared about 1,500 buildings dangerous and advised their tenants to vacate them for repairs.

The board estimates that a further 19,600 buildings need repairs, four-fifths of them over 50 years old. But a board official said tenants were reluctant to move out unless it provided with alternative accommodation.

Soviet Communist Party conference

Orgy of democracy by Moscow's standards

By Gerald Nadler

MOSCOW, (UPI): By Soviet standards, the 19th Communist Party conference was an orgy of democracy that kept millions of Russians glued to their television screens set to watch high-level political infighting for the first time in their lives.

"It was like the most gripping crime novel," said Nina Birzinskaya, 38, as she stood Sunday at a crowded billboard displaying newspaper accounts of the conference. "Nothing could compete with it — not even the best crime movie or the toughest soccer match. There has never been anything like this in my lifetime."

Soviets stunned by the public airing of differences among Communist Party leaders lined up at dawn Sunday at newspaper kiosks and stood three-deep at newspaper billboards to soak up every word uttered in anger at the just-completed party conference.

The four-day conference, convened by Mikhail Gorbachev to consider major changes in the political system, ended Friday after a majority of its 5,000 delegates approved the Soviet leader's reform programmes of "glasnost," or openness, and "perestroika," or economic restructuring.

Democratic

The conference — certainly measured against previous political discourse in the Soviet Union — was an orgy of democratic free expression.

Among the exchanges that the Soviet public found most electrifying were the vituperative assault by arch conservative Yegor Ligachev on deposed Moscow Party chief Boris Yeltsin, one delegate's demand for President Andrei Gromyko's resignation, and a posthumous

assault on the late leader Konstantin Chernenko.

"Everything went on in secret (before)," said one citizen going from billboard to billboard to read the pages of Pravda, the party's official newspaper.

"Now we know more."

Decision-making at the party's upper echelons had transpired behind closed doors since the mid-1920s, when former dictator Josef Stalin began his brutal 30-year hold on power. Most official accounts of party actions were carried in terse "information communiques" that concealed much more than they revealed.

The bland reports, which many Soviets simply ignored, were a far cry from the conference session Friday when Ligachev stormed the podium and bitterly bemoaned his own recommendation that politburo members vote for Yeltsin's inclusion in the elite inner core of the Central Committee.

"I cannot keep quiet, because comrade Yeltsin has gotten on the wrong road," Ligachev lamented. "It turns out that he possesses destructive, not constructive, energy."

Yeltsin, a populist reformer who had angered ensclosed Moscow city officials, was abruptly fired last fall after accusing Ligachev and other conservatives of sabotaging Gorbachev's attempts to overhaul the system. He levelled the attack at a closed Central Committee session, then leaked the incident to Western reporters who had a field day describing party infighting.

The affair became a major embarrassment for Gorbachev, who stood by as his ally was subsequently stripped of his posts as Moscow party chief and politburo candidate member.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1585 — France's King Henry III is forced to sign Treaty of Memours with the Guises, whereby he capitulates to their demands for revoking all toleration of the Huguenots.

1647 — Naples revolts against Spain.

1718 — Alexis, heir to Russia's Peter the Great, is murdered at instigation of his father.

1749 — Spain's Ferdinand VI severs himself from "Family Compact" with France.

1801 — Toussaint L'Ouverture, black general, proclaims Haiti's independence from France.

1815 — Allied forces enter Paris, following Napoleon Bonaparte's abdication.

1898 — United States annexes island of Hawaii.

1913 — Britain's House of Commons passes Irish home rule bill.

1925 — South Africa's senate rejects colour-bar bill.

1937 — Japanese troops on manoeuvres near Beijing clash with Chinese, marking start of Sino-Japanese war.

1960 — Belgium sends troops to the Congo.

1973 — Iraq executes 23 people accused of having attempted to overthrow government.

1987 — At least 46 Hindus are killed in two attacks on buses within 24 hours in Punjab and Haryana in India by suspected Sikh terrorists.

CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the Arab Times

Parties and functions ... a dizzy round

IT was again a fresh round of parties, functions and "muhurats" over the last few weeks in Bombay's film world. Though they have decreased in number compared to the first few months of the current year, still the film-man's penchant for celebration remains unabated. As new people come to the industry, they also want to declare it from the house-tops.

There was this nice party by Weston Electronics people who are stepping into the film world in a small way with audio cassettes. Their first big release will be "Zakhmi Aurat" starring Dimple in a violent, anti-male mood. Still there were more men at the party than females. And the most dapper male of them all was good old gentleman Dev Anand as chief guest.

People were surprised to see Dev and Dimple together attending a function and facing the photographers. They thought sparks will fly. After all, Dimple had dared to deny doing a role with doyen Dev. (How dare she?... asked the loyal fans of Dev Sahab). When Dev offered her the lead in his latest film "Sachche Ka Bol-bala" she made some polite excuses and got away. She had also refused a role with Dev's flop son Sunil Anand. But at the party Dev did not show any sign of offence. He has been in show biz too long to show anger over such petty matters. "These things happen, we have to take it in stride", he told journalists who took him aside for a chat. Also sharing the limelight was TV star Rama Vij, who has an important role in "Zakhmi Aurat."

More and more affluent people are entering films through the backdoor of the video industry, which is growing fast. Some of the new entrants have made their pile in other indus-



Rama Vij, Dimple and Dev Anand at the Zakhmi Aurat party.

tries and trades, and there are also some, whose "business" remains unmentionable. But in most cases it is untaxed or black money that is flowing into the entertainment world. One such new company held a grand party at the huge pool side of Sea Rock Hotel. Our friends warned us that we would see faces one can never see in the daylight in Bombay. We were also advised not to stay on too late in the night.

And indeed, the people who started coming, accompanied by tough looking men were strange and unknown. Yet they were photographed, videographed and showered with flower petals. Drinks and eats were there in abundance. But strangely nobody was allowed to take away a bottle of soda or soft drink to his chair. The chief guest Rajendra Kumar came and went, looking a bit lost and confused. He switched the button for the fireworks, in which the name of the company



Suparna stole the show at the Multi-Channel party.

sparked and then spread flashes across the dark night's skyline.

There were hardly any other important stars to be seen, except the small ones and aspiring TV-video artistes. Channa Ruparel made an impression with her lovely smile straight from her TV serial "Chumauti". She said we will soon see more of her on the box. A real surprise was petite Jaya Mathur. She has acted as Raza Murad's daughter in "Aaj ke Angarey". And though the film was not liked, she was spotted by the producers. When she was introduced to us and she rattled out the names of her fifteen new assignments, we could feel her breath of excitement. But another talented Mathur called Prita is out of circulation at present, as she was the victim of the sensational case, of being robbed and stabbed in a local train, when she was returning after acting in a stage play at Prithvi theatre, Juhu. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Villain Ajit's two good-looking sons were also there. We wondered why they had not yet been grabbed by producers. But then, they insist on making their debut only as heroes,

especially after Aamer Khan has made it in "Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak". We decided to leave the party soon after the buffet dinner started. It proved a wise step. We were later told that around 2 am the expected gang fight took place with chairs and bottles flying. (Perhaps that's why they were keeping all the bottles in one place.)

Companies making and releasing video films also held parties, like the Tristar Video for "Achanak", the story of a free-loving woman. Hiba films released their "Scandal" which is about a gossip writer probing a star's life and also "Janjaal". Many such films are now available in video libraries and parlours. Some people have said that these were like porno films not fit to be taken home. Still there is a big demand for them. One established video company has decided to fulfill its real intentions by entering the big feature film market.

It is the Multi-Channel Group which has become popular with the "Lehren" video magazine on filmi activities. They have joined hands with the big industrialists Garware, who are already into manufacturing high quality video cassettes at their plant and also distributing video films. A big party was held at Juhu Centaur Hotel to do the "muhurat" and announce their film written by Mahesh Bhatt, starring Dimple. A mini set was set up inside the huge Harbour Hall. But the long shadow of Raj Kapoor's sad death fell on this celebration.

News agency items began to appear on the teleprinter in the evening first announcing and then denying his death. At last at 9.30 pm there came the confirmed news. So O.P. Rathnan got up on behalf of the hosts and announced that the "muhurat" was cancelled. The party may go on for those who liked but serving of hard liquor was stopped thereby disappointing many party addicts. Some even said that R.K. himself would not have liked it as he always took to drinks, whether there was a sad or happy event. There was a flutter at the hotel gate. Dimple had arrived to face the camera. But she got the news in the parking lot itself. She was so stunned that she could not even speak to the press-men. She just turned, sat in the car and went back home. So starlets Suparna and Sahila Chadha stole the limelight at the party.

Anyway, eating and even drinking was going on at another party, at the same time, in the nearby Hotel Horizon. The Hussain brothers, Nasir and Tahir were in great mood as they celebrated the platinum disc function for "Hamara Khandaan" along with Super Cassettes. The hall was decorated with its posters and photos. Trophies were lined up behind the table, though there



Singer Milan Singh being applauded by Laxmikant at a live show.

were not many to receive them. Before the party, we were shown five picturised songs from the film at Sumet recording theatre. The sound was kept so loud that it pierced the ears. They are used to doing it in order to impress distributors. But it was good to see Farha and her charming smile on the big screen, as she sang and danced with Rishi Kapoor. There was one song in the false-to voice of the Arun, playing a Muslim mendicant.

But at the party there was no Farha, no Rishi, not even Juhi Chawla of Nasir's "Qayamat". Of course Aamer Khan had the field open to hog the show. He was extra polite with us scribes, even serving ice-cream to some.

(Let's see him after he's scored a couple more hits). Ila Arun took her trophy and marched off, as if she was recording four songs a day like Lata and Asha. The party went on after midnight. When hosts were asked about R.K. they said "We know, but you know, the show must go on, as the showman said."

Young starlet Seema Vaz celebrated her birthday with a party at Holiday Inn. Later, she even put up a dance, as she does in the films. Her speciality is disco. Another video magazine Eknath Patrika released its first Hindi issue. The Madras chap Eknath has good rapport among film people. So Hema Malini, Sanjay Khan and Sunil



Seema Vaz (R) on her birthday with Sri Lata.

Dutt turned up for the inauguration done with typical South Indian style. The three stars were wrapped in long silk shawls topped by huge garlands. Hema's speech was short. She is bad at public speaking. Sunil made a gaffe by talking of his past, that it was only when "Yaadein" won a world award that the Indian government woke up and gave him the title of Padma Shri. Then why did he join the same political party?

Finally, there is the incredible Milan Singh, who looks like a girl, dresses like a boy and can sing like Mohd. Rafi and Geeta Dutt. The new cassette company TIPS of Taurani brothers brought out four cassettes of the singer, including "Fankar ek awazan anek" in two parts as well as "non-stop-disco". There were parties for all the cassettes and even live stage shows by Milan Singh, along with disco dances by Seema Vaz and Rizwan Raj.

BEHIND THE SCREEN



News of Mahesh Bhatt's third marriage made waves for Kabzaa.

were taken separately and then edited with the shots of the other stars.



Amrish Puri saved the evening for the Humlog awards.

Great playback singers who have died are attempted to be replaced by voice-alikes. Mohd. Rafi's loss has been filled by Mohd. Aziz and Shabbir Kumar, though Anwar also tried for a while. But for Kishore Kumar there is a bigger problem. There are not one or two but seven contenders to fill his place and they are also promoted by different big names in film music. Their names are Shantu Kumar, Vinod Rathod, Sudesh Bhosle, Abhijeet, Kirti Kumar (brother of Govinda), Prakash Kumar and the seven of the last but not the least is Amit Kumar, who is Kishore's own son. It seems Kishore's memory will be blurred by cacophony of seven voices.

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FAMILY DOCTOR
By DR ALAN BRUCKHEIM

EXERCISES IMPORTANT TO OVERCOME 'TENNIS ELBOW'

QUESTION: I've recently taken up tennis, and now my elbow is killing me. I've heard of tennis elbow, but what is it? What should I do?

ANSWER: "Tennis elbow" is somewhat common in the underconditioned "weekend athlete," who is usually older than 35.

Your extensor muscle group cannot readily absorb the force required for hitting a tennis ball, and so the elbow becomes strained.

This can become a serious problem if not treated, and it requires medical attention from the beginning so you can get it under control and build strength in your arm.

The doctor first may prescribe oral non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs to relieve pain and inflammation. You should temporarily stop playing tennis, but it is important to begin exercises to strengthen the elbow as soon as possible. Another effective treatment is the use of ice applications. Cover the elbow with ice for 10-15 minutes, several times a day. This can help reduce inflammation and provide analgesia.

The single most important thing for you to do to manage your elbow overload injury is to begin a progressive resistance exercise programme to strengthen the extensor muscles and increase their ability to absorb

shock. In your case, it isn't a doctor who is most important to your welfare, but a good tennis coach.

QUESTION: Are tranquilizers any good for preventing jet lag?

ANSWER: It is true that some of the super-fast-acting tranquilizers such as triazolam are being advertised as being valuable in reducing or preventing jet lag and related biological-clock disorders which seem to be a part of global travel. And it is true that this kind of hype is leading many people to experiment with these drugs to enhance sleep during east-west (as opposed to north-south) flights in order to lessen the fatigue and anxiety caused by flying. But this doesn't mean that it works.

So far, no official report has been published regarding the pros and cons of tranquilizer use during air travel. But doctors who have used triazolam for jet lag report suffering from instances of anterograde amnesia, or an inability to remember anything over a number of hours during the morning after taking the drug for sleep. Although they apparently behaved appropriately, their memory definitely was impaired. And that makes this use of tranquilizers a real no-no.

QUESTION: My family has a history of breast cancer. I've recently heard that drinking alcoholic beverages increases a woman's risk of developing breast cancer. Is this true? I occasionally enjoy a cocktail and have some wine with dinner now and then. Must I stop?

ANSWER: Several recent studies indicate there may well be a link between alcohol consumption and breast cancer. A study by the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey showed that even drinking small amounts of alcohol — the equivalent of three drinks a week — could increase the risk of breast cancer 40 per cent to 50 per cent over that for non-drinkers. Drinking more than that amount increased the risk by 50 per cent to 100 per cent.

A study at Harvard found similar results — that women who had one or more drinks a day increased their chances of breast cancer by 60 per cent. Even if these studies are not the final word, you certainly would be wise to at least cut down on alcohol. It would appear that doing so would indeed lower your risk factors, which is especially important if your family has a history of breast cancer.

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Pleasantries of Mulla Nasrudin

Eating his money

MULLA NASRUDIN, as everyone knows, comes from a country where fruit, and meat is meat, and curry is never eaten. One day he was plodding along a dusty Indian road, having newly descended from the high mountains of Kafiristan, when a great thirst overtook him. "Soon", he said to himself. "I must come across somewhere that good fruit is to be had."

No sooner were the words formed in his brain than he rounded a corner and saw sitting in the shade of a tree a benevolent-looking man, with a basket in front of him.

Piled high in the basket were huge, shiny red fruits. "This is what I need," said Nasrudin. Taking two tiny coppers from the knot at the end of his turban, he handed them to the fruit-seller.

Without a word the man handed him the whole basket, for this kind of fruit is cheap in India, and people usually buy it in smaller amounts.

Nasrudin sat down in the place vacated by the fruiterer, and started to munch the fruits. Within a few seconds, his mouth was burning. Tears streamed down his cheeks, fire was in his throat. The Mulla went on eating.

An hour or two passed, and then an Afghan hillman came past. Nasrudin hailed him. "Brother, these infidel fruits must come from the very mouth of Sheitan!"

"Fool!" said the hillman. "Has thou never heard of the chills of Hindustan? Stop eating them at once, or death will surely claim a victim before the sun is down."

"I cannot move from here," gasped the Mulla. "Until I have finished the whole basketful."

"Madman! Those fruits belong in curry! Throw them away at once."

"I am not eating fruit any more," croaked Nasrudin. "I am eating my money."

At the frontier

NASRUDIN was carrying a basket of eggs across a frontier. The egg producers of the trans-border country, anxious to preserve their rights, had petitioned the King. The King had decreed that no eggs were to be imported.

The customs officers on duty easily spotted Nasrudin, took

him to their post, and started to interrogate him. "The penalty for lying is death. What have you in that basket?"

"The smallest possible chickens."

"That comes under livestock. We shall impound them," said the officer, locking them up in a cupboard, "while we make inquiries. But have no fear, we shall feed them for you. That would be our responsibility."

"These are special chickens," said Nasrudin.

"How?"

"Well, you have heard of animals pining, getting old before their time, when deprived of the attention of their master?"

"Yes."

"The chickens are so sensitive, and of such a special breed that if they are left alone for a moment, they become young before their time."

"How young?"

"They can even become eggs again."

The yogi, the priest and the Sufi

NASRUDIN put on a Sufi robe and decided to make a pious journey. On his way he met a priest and a yogi, and they decided to team up together.

When they got to a village the others asked him to seek donations while they carried out their devotions. Nasrudin collected some money and bought halwa with it.

He suggested that they divide the food, but the others, who were not yet hungry enough, said that it should be postponed until night. They continued on their way, and when night fell Nasrudin asked for the first portion "because I was the means of getting the food".

The others disagreed: the priest on the grounds that he represented a properly organized hierarchical body, and should therefore have preference; the yogi because, he said, he ate only once in three days and should therefore have more.

Finally they decided to sleep. In the morning, the one who related the best dream should have first choice of the halwa.

In the morning the priest said: "In my dreams I saw the founder of my religion, who made a sign of benediction, singling me out as especially blessed."

The others were impressed, but the yogi said: "I dreamt that

I visited Nirvana, and was utterly absorbed into nothing."

They turned to the Mulla. "I dreamt that I saw the Sufi teacher Khidr, who appears only to the most sanctified."

"He said: 'Nasrudin, eat the halwa—now!' And, of course, I had to obey."

The gold, the cloak and the horse

"I CANNOT get a job," said the Mulla, "because I am already in the service of the All-Highest."

"In that case," said his wife, "ask for your wages, because every employer must pay."

Quite right, thought Nasrudin. "I have not been paid simply because I have never asked," he said aloud.

"Then you had better go and ask."

Nasrudin went into the garden, knelt and cried out: "O Allah, send me a hundred pieces of gold, for all my past services are worth at least that much in back pay."

His neighbour, a moneylender, thought he would play a joke on Nasrudin. Taking a bag of a hundred gold pieces he threw it down from a window.

Nasrudin stood up with dignity and took the money to his wife. "I am one of the saints," he told her. "Here are my arrears."

She was very impressed. Presently, made suspicious by the succession of delivery men carrying food, clothing and furniture into Nasrudin's house, the neighbour went to get his money back.

"You heard me calling for it, and now you are pretending it is yours," said Nasrudin. "You shall never have it."

The neighbour said that he would take Nasrudin to the court of summary jurisdiction.

"I cannot go like this," said Nasrudin. "I have no suitable clothes, nor have I a horse. If we appear together the judge will be prejudiced in my favour by my mean appearance."

The neighbour took off his own cloak and gave it to Nasrudin, then he mounted him on his own horse, and they went before the Cadi.

The plaintiff was heard first. "What is your defence?" the magistrate asked Nasrudin.

"That my neighbour is insane."

"What evidence have you, Mulla?"

"What better than from his own mouth? He thinks that

every thing belongs to him. If you ask him about my horse, or even my cloak, he will claim them, let alone my gold."

"But they are mine!" roared the neighbour.

Case dismissed.

Life and death

NASRUDIN climbed a tree to saw through a branch. A passer-by who saw what he was doing cried: "Look out! You are on the wrong side of the branch. You will fall with it!"

"Am I a fool that I should believe you; or are you a seer that you can tell me the future?" demanded the Mulla.

Soon afterwards, however, the branch gave way, and he fell to the ground. Nasrudin ran to catch up with the other man.

"Your prediction has been fulfilled! Tell me now, how shall I die?"

However much he tried, the other man could not now convince Nasrudin that he was not a seer. Ultimately he lost his temper and said: "You might as well die now."

As soon as he heard these words the Mulla fell down and lay still. His neighbours came and found him and put him in a coffin. As they were walking towards the cemetery, there was a dispute as to the shortest route.

Nasrudin lost his patience. Raising his head from the coffin he said: "When I was alive, I used to turn left here—that is the quickest way."

The exploit

IN THE teahouse, some soldiers were boasting about their recent campaign. The local inhabitants crowded eagerly around them to listen.

"And", one fearsome-looking warrior was saying, "I took my double-edged sword and charged the enemy, scattering them to right and left like chaff. We carried the day."

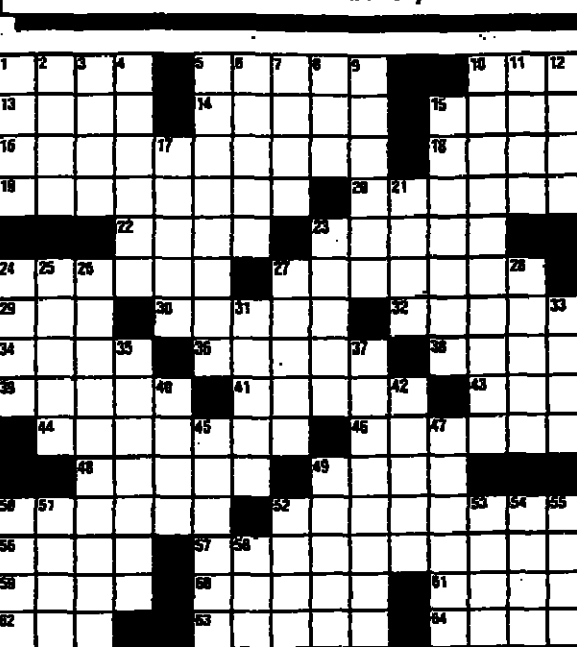
There was a gasp of applause.

"That reminds me", said Nasrudin, who had seen a few battles in his time, "of the time when I cut off the leg of an enemy on the battlefield. Severed it right through."

"You would have done better, sir," replied the captain of the soldiers, "to have cut off his head."

"That would have been impossible," said the Mulla. "You see, someone else had already done that."

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ KQ983 ♥ 85 ♦ A73 ♣ K102

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Your fit for partner's club suit improves your hand dramatically, and you could easily have a slam if you don't have two fast heart losers. Blackwood is not the key to that information, so start a cue-bidding sequence. Bid four diamonds.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ KQ983 ♥ 85 ♦ A73 ♣ K102

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass 4 ♦ Pass

4 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—Partner has denied first-round heart control, but he could still have second-round control that he was unable to show. You should be safe at the five-level, so proceed with five clubs to announce second-round control of that suit. If partner still denies a heart control, bow out at five spades.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ KQ983 ♥ 85 ♦ A73 ♣ K102

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass 4 ♦ Pass

4 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You are certainly going to bid a slam, it's simply a question of which strain. If you choose to play in spades, a heart lead through your partner's king could mean that the defenders take two tricks in the suit to beat you before you even get started. Protect his king by bidding six no trump or six clubs.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A1073 ♥ K6 ♦ K8 ♣ AQ943

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

4 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass

5 NT Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Despite the fact that you have denied first-round heart control, partner is still looking for slam. It's time to tell him about your second-round heart control. Had it been a singleton, you would cue-bid five hearts; since it is the king, your correct call is five no trump, so that your monarch will be protected from a lead through.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ KQ983 ♥ 83 ♦ A75 ♣ K102

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass 4 ♦ Pass

4 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass

5 NT Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You are certainly going to bid a slam, it's simply a question of which strain. If you choose to play in spades, a heart lead through your partner's king could mean that the defenders take two tricks in the suit to beat you before you even get started. Protect his king by bidding six no trump or six clubs.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A1073 ♥ K6 ♦ K8 ♣ AQ943

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

4 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass

5 NT Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You are certainly going to bid a slam, it's simply a question of which strain. If you choose to play in spades, a heart lead through your partner's king could mean that the defenders take two tricks in the suit to beat you before you even get started. Protect his king by bidding six no trump or six clubs.

What do you bid now?

A.—You are surely going to contract for slam, but you could easily have a grand slam if partner has a reasonable club suit. Again, it's time to cue-bid your second-round club control—five clubs is the call.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A1073 ♥ K6 ♦ K8 ♣ AQ943

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

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Q.7—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A1073 ♥ K6 ♦ K8 ♣ AQ943

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

4 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass

5 NT Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You are certainly going to bid a slam, it's simply a question of which strain. If you choose to play in spades, a heart lead through your partner's king could mean that the defenders take two tricks in the suit to beat you before you even get started. Protect his king by bidding six no trump or six clubs.

Q.8—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A1073 ♥ K6 ♦ K8 ♣ AQ943

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

4 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass

5 NT Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You are certainly going to bid a slam, it's simply a question of which strain. If you choose to play in spades, a heart lead through your partner's king could mean that the defenders take two tricks in the suit to beat you before you even get started. Protect his king by bidding six no trump or six clubs.

Q.9—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A1073 ♥ K6 ♦ K8 ♣ AQ943

A SMALL item of news from the Moscow summit was overlooked by the Western press. Armand Hammer announced through Soviet officials that he was going to build a golf course just outside Moscow. For the first time the Russians will be able to play the sport that has made capitalism what it is today. So revolutionary is the idea that Soviet experts refer to Hammer's proposed golf course as "The 18 Holes That Shook the World."

I hate to think what will happen to the Communist system once golf makes its inroads.

Decisions now made at Politburo headquarters will be resolved on the people's putting greens. High-ranking members of the party will not be judged by their weaknesses as Soviet administrators, but rather by their handicap at the Moscow Country Club.

Brian Nessim, the top Kremlin sports watcher at Columbia University, predicts that golf could change the entire Communist order. "I am surprised that the Soviets haven't played golf since the 1917 revolution."

"I didn't know they had ever played it."

"Oh, yes. The Czar even

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Red Golf

had a driving range in St. Petersburg, and he made the serfs catch the balls with their teeth. Things were very bad and caddies were beaten with 7-irons by the royal family whenever Rasputin hit into the rough. Finally, the caddies couldn't take it any more and decided to go out on strike. The Czar was furious and ordered his mounted Cossacks to run them down on the fairways. When word leaked out about what the Czar had done, the greenskeepers mutinied and that was the beginning of the revolution. No one has swung a golf club in the Soviet Union since."

"So bringing back golf is a giant step for glasnost," I said.

"Gorbachev knows what he is doing. He cannot improve the economy of the country if his managers do not play golf. Everyone is aware that all the deals in an advanced industrial society are made on the golf course. In a consumer-oriented economy it is impossible to have top-flight leaders unless they are

able to plot five-year plans in a locker room."

"I knew that golf was essential to a high standard of living, but I didn't know it was that important."

"The sport is what made the US No. 1. Never forget it was America that invented the golf cart, the greatest advance in transportation in the 20th century. The game, as the Soviets now realize, is more than just a sport. It's a way of life which gives a human being an opportunity to sell and another a chance to buy. It's obvious that if the Soviets want to catch up with us, they are going to have to construct many golf links around their major cities. This is what the Armand Hammer course is all about."

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Saudi firm plans to build steel foundry on Gulf coast

BAHRAIN, July 6, (Reuters): A Saudi Arabian company said yesterday it planned to build a 117 million riyal (\$30 million) steel foundry on the kingdom's Gulf coast.

The National Industrialisation Co (NIC) said construction in the city of Dammam was scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 1989.

The foundry would use grey iron, ductile iron and some non-ferrous metals to produce 12,000 tonnes of steel products a year, including motor industry castings, water and sewage pipe fittings, valves, pumps and agricultural equipment.

The project will be financed 50 per cent by a government loan from the Saudi Industrial Development Fund, 25 per cent by commercial bank loans and 25 per cent by NIC.

An NIC spokesman in Riyadh said the company would later invite private Saudi investors to take a share in the project.

Kuwait's money supply dropped by 0.1pc in May

MONEY supply dropped by 0.1 per cent in May against 0.9 per cent in the preceding month largely due to the mixed performance of rates of change in money supply components, according to a Central Bank of Kuwait monthly report released yesterday.

While sight deposits, time deposits, certificates of deposits and deposits denominated in foreign currency fell by 2.3 per cent, 0.6 per cent, 17.4 per cent and 0.1 per cent respectively, both currency in circulation and savings deposits rose by 4.8 per cent and one per cent respectively, the report said.

The aggregate monetary developments in Kuwait during May point out that the aggregate balance sheet of local banks declined by 0.3 per cent to KD12,569 million against KD12,607 million in April.

On the side of assets, this fall came as a result of a decrease in banks' balance and deposits with the Central Bank by 63.2 per cent (KD142 million) plus a slight drop (0.2 per cent) in the value of local credit facilities and an

increase in their local investments (mostly public debt instruments) at a value of KD128 million.

The report added that commercial bank holdings of these instruments increased by KD133 million to reach KD765 million.

On the liabilities side, the decline in local bank balance sheet was concentrated in foreign liabilities (4.9 per cent) and at a lesser degree (2.4 per cent) in government deposits, while private sector deposits realised a relative increase in 0.9 per cent (KD40 million).

The decline in foreign claims on local banks at a rate (54.9 per cent) higher than the decrease in their foreign assets (0.3 per cent) led to an increase of 4.6 per cent in their net foreign assets over the previous month.

Further on the side of liabilities, an increase was noticed in the CBK claims on local banks in the form of discounting commercial papers, which increased in May by 28.1 per cent (KD71 million) over the previous month.

As to the Kuwaiti dinar exchange rate it witnessed a

relative decline against the dollar due to its decrease by 0.16 per cent (against an increase of 0.5 per cent in the previous month).

The dollar exchange rate ranged between 273.45 fils and 274.63 fils, a monthly average of 274.07 fils, the study said.

Against other major currencies the KD exchange rate realised a relative improvement in general. Except for its slight decline (0.39 per cent) against the Japanese yen, the KD exchange rate improved at varied rates, the highest (1.45 per cent) was against the Swiss franc and the lowest (0.16 per cent) being against the pound sterling.

Rose Against other units the KD rose by 0.92 per cent, 0.76 per cent and 0.71 per cent against the Italian lira, the Deutschmark and the French franc, respectively.

In May it was noticed that the KD performance against most major currencies was more stable than the dollar exchange rate because the dollar exchange rate increased at rates higher than that of the KD against these currencies.

The dollar increased by 1.61 per cent, 0.92 per cent, 0.86 per cent and 0.32 per cent against the Swiss franc, the Deutschmark, the French franc and the pound sterling respectively.

As regards interest rates, the study said interest rates on inter-bank KD deposits increased, for the second successive month, but at rates much lower than those in April.

Interest rates on all maturities increased and at rates of 7.25 per cent (from 5.82 per cent to 6.24 per cent) on three-month deposits, 6.92 per cent on both one-month deposits (from 5.91 per cent to 6.32 per cent) and one-year deposits (from 5.71 to 6.11 per cent).

The report added that the differentials between interest rates on KD and dollar deposits decreased tangibly in May 1988, as these differentials reached 0.9 percentage point on one-month deposits and 1.14 percentage points on three-month deposits, whereas they remained about two percentage points on one-year deposits. These differentials remained in favour of the dollar. On public debt instruments,

the balance of public debts issued totalled KD1134.5 million against KD1034.5 in the previous month, as the Central Bank offered three issues of Treasury bills totalling KD300 million.

Meanwhile, the fifth issue of Treasury bills (KD200 million) has matured.

Meanwhile, the Central Bank announced yesterday that it had received 23 applications for subscription to Treasury bonds by the end of the close of subscription to the 17th flotation of public debt instruments.

Applications were submitted by 10 bodies entitled to subscription. The value of those applications amounted to KD147 million, or an over-subscription rate of 210 per cent over the issue original volume KD70 million.

Interest rates ranged between 6.373 per cent and 6.686 per cent, but the interest rate accepted by the bank was 6.442 per cent annually.

Twelve applications by seven parties were accepted.

The 17th flotation was confined to Treasury bonds.

World Business Summary

S. Korea eases restrictions on overseas investments

SEOUL, July 6, (AP): South Korea will drastically ease its restrictions on investment in overseas real estate to allow individuals to buy houses, land and other real estate, according to a government draft plan released today. Officials at the Finance Ministry said that, under the draft measures, overseas purchases by South Korean nationals will be subject to the Bank of Korea's approval and limited to \$1 million per person. The Ministry officials said the measures are expected to go into effect later this month following revisions to foreign exchange control regulations. They said business corporations will be exempt from any government control in purchasing real estate overseas valued at up to \$1 million, but will need approval from the Central Bank when a transaction exceeds \$1 million. They said, however, both individual and corporate investors will be banned from buying luxurious villas in world resort areas. They said the new measures are intended to spur investment abroad and trim the country's large current account surplus in a bid to avoid friction with the United States and other countries which run trade deficits with South Korea. The country's current account surplus reached \$9.8 billion in 1987 and is projected to hit the \$10-billion mark this year unless steps are taken to hold it down. Under the new measures, the scope of corporate purchases, now limited to business-related property such as offices, warehouses, parking lots and exhibit halls, will be expanded to include houses, welfare facilities, forest land and other types of real estate, the officials said.

African oil producers to meet in Benin this month

LAGOS, July 6, (OPECNA): The African Petroleum Producers' Association (APPA) is to meet in Cotonou, Benin Republic, on July 18. According to a spokesman of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), oil ministers of the eight member states belonging to APPA will receive reports of seminars on the promotion of communication among the African producers. The spokesman said that the sharing of oil industry information was 'important' to the group. APPA links OPEC members Algeria, Gabon, Libya and Nigeria with Angola, Benin, Cameroon and Congo. The association was launched in Nigeria in January 1987. President Ibrahim Babangida said on the occasion that Africa was 'grossly under-explored', but the continent's fortunes could not be left entirely in the hands of multinational companies. The inaugural conference, chaired by OPEC president Ali Hajj Rihwan Lakman, expressed confidence in OPEC actions to stabilise the oil market. APPA's first ministerial meeting in Algiers in July last year also pledged to work with OPEC and adopted an 18-month plan of action to exchange information and data, and study exploration, production, refining, marketing, training and technical assistance through seminars, workshops and research. At its last meeting in Luanda, Angola, in January this year, the APPA Council of Ministers discussed the international oil market and the organisation's budget. The meeting in Cotonou will be expected to decide on APPA's headquarters for which both Gabon and Congo are being considered.

Costa Rica refinery reports possible oil reserves

SAN JOSE, July 6, (Reuters): Costa Rica could have up to 500 million barrels of oil in the land along its Pacific coast, the national refinery said yesterday. The Costa Rican Oil Refinery, known as Recope, said it had consulted geologists from Western Atlas International who found that characteristics of the Costa Rican subsoil were "adequate for the production and reserves of hydrocarbons." Recope's said in a statement Texaco Inc. would send a team to open negotiations with the Costa Rican government about possibly investing in exploration. No further details were available. The state-owned refinery quoted the senior Western Atlas geologist in Costa Rica, Glenn Penfield, as saying "the information has been well-received and awakened great interest" in major oil companies. Traces of oil have been found in Costa Rica, but never in quantities that would encourage commercial exploitation.

Jamaica sees 'large unexplored possibilities' in South-South ties

LAGOS, July 6, (OPECNA): Former Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley said here yesterday that there were "large unexplored possibilities" for South-South co-operation. Delivering the first guardian annual lecture on "the debt trap, structural adjustment and the future of the Third World," Manley said such possibilities existed in trade, common services and joint production. They were awaiting "the attention of planners and the energy of entrepreneurs of the South," he added. The former prime minister said opportunities were to be sought within the broad areas of collective self-reliance and regional co-operation. Developing countries had to begin to create their own transnational corporate enterprises in response to the "inexorable forces" of technological change, Manley urged. "Regional bodies in Africa, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific should become beehives of activity, seeking every point at which goods may be exchanged and productive systems linked and rationalised," he said. He proposed that regional stock exchanges should be brought into being to ensure that private capital and entrepreneurship played their full part. But he stressed that the need should not be seen in a "confrontational context," arguing that the search should be rather for new opportunities in creating growth through incremental activity. The former prime minister said the debt problem of the Third World was currently capturing the attention of the South-South Commission "established with the blessing of the Non-Aligned movement" and working under the chairmanship of Dr Julius Nyerere, former Tanzanian president. He said developing countries had to develop a greater capacity for economic analysis, become "numerate as well as literate" and relate development strategies to indigenous culture in order to obtain meaningful economic development.

IEA reports increase in world oil supply in second quarter of 1988

PARIS, July 6, (KUNA): World oil supply in the second quarter of 1988 was at 49.3 million barrels per day, a rise of 2.3 million from the same period last year, IEA reported today. A report by the International Energy Agency (IEA) said the increase of world oil output was mainly due to overproduction by OPEC states in the month of June, reaching 18.4 million b/d. But the IEA oil market report said although OPEC production is the primary reason for the year-on-year gain, both Western nations of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and developing countries' production in the second year of this year was higher than the figures of the same period a year ago. It said that crude production from OPEC countries in June is tentatively estimated at 18.4 million barrels per day which represents a decrease of 0.3 million bpd from May due to small reductions in output from Iran and the UAE. The estimates of the second quarter in 1988 OPEC crude production of 18.5 million bpd represents an increase of 1.0 million over the previous quarter and 1.6 million over the same period last year. It said that while several OPEC countries have experienced changes in production level over recent years, the largest increase in both volumetric and percentage terms has been Iraq. Due to additional pipeline capacity, the report said Iraqi production has risen more than one-third from 1.9 million bpd in the second quarter of 1987 to 2.6 million in the same period this year. Conversely, Iranian production has declined from 2.4 million to 2.2 million which has marginally reduced its share of OPEC crude production to 12 per cent behind Iraq's 14 per cent.

Many companies have cut staff and reduced salaries

Slowdown in Gulf economic growth affects expatriates

The Gulf International Bank of Bahrain in its monthly report said the slowdown in Gulf countries' economic activities in the last few years has had a noticeable impact on the number, skill composition and salaries of expatriates living in the region. With the completion of major infrastructural projects many companies, especially construction firms, have cut staff and reduced salaries and employees' benefits.

Others started replacing Western expatriates with the normally less expensive employees from the Middle East and Asia.

There are indications of changing immigration trends to the Gulf countries in the last three years. A large number of unskilled and semi-skilled construction workers mainly from Asia have left the region. Other groups that have been vulnerable to the current economic slowdown are expatriates and above all civil service.

These are precisely the kinds of positions to which the Gulf region's youth themselves aspire and where the nationalisation of jobs is most visible.

One of the chief objectives of Saudi Arabia's fourth Five-year plan for example, is the reduction of the expatriate labour force by 600,000 workers with their positions being filled by nationals.

Trend The trend of replacing Americans and Europeans by equally qualified but less expensive Arabs and Asians is believed to have continued as well. A lot of Western companies resorted to sending to the Gulf more employees from their subsidiaries abroad, such as India, Pakistan and South East Asia as these tend to accept lower remuneration packages.

The culture and religion of Arab expatriates are similar to those of the Gulf and they consider the region to be less of a hardship area than do expatriates from Europe and the United States.

Even in the lower skilled jobs, workers from certain nationalities who are willing to accept lower salaries are replacing those who refuse to adjust to a lower pay scale. For example, Korean construction workers were replaced by Indians, Pakistanis

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and Bangladeshis, and Filipino house helpers by Sri Lankans.

There has been a change in the distribution of the non-national population by age group and sex over the last ten years. The distribution heavily weighted in favour of males in the working age group 15-64 years as many expatriate workers, especially the unskilled, tend to leave their families behind during their stay in the Gulf.

What is noticeable however, is the rising percentage of migrant workers' dependents in the last few years. As more unskilled workers leave the region, the pool of transient labour among expatriates is becoming smaller.

Incidence Those planning to stay in the Gulf for more than two years are inclined to bring their families with them. Labour market trends point to the continuation of the process of demographic settling in the region.

While in 1980, around 25 per cent of non-nationals in the six GCC countries were females and nearly 20 per cent were aged less than 15 years, in 1985 more dependents (wives and children) of expatriate workers appear to have settled in the region.

Nearly 30 per cent of non-nationals were less than 15 years old and over 34 per cent were females.

The North American, European and to a lesser extent the non-national Arabs are the most balanced communities in terms of age structure and sex. The profiles of these communities reflect either a longer duration of residence in the case of the Arab expatriates (around 80 per cent of non-national Arabs stay in the region for more than two years), or the extent to which recently arrived Europeans and Americans, normally assigned to managerial and technical positions, bring their families with them.

However, women of these categories tend to be present as dependents rather than members of the work force. In the case of Asian expatriates, nearly 80 per cent of the total are males with

the majority in the age group 15-35. Some 30 per cent of South East Asian females are economically active mainly as nurses or housekeepers.

Decline Another feature of the changing labour market structure is the general decline in the wage levels and remuneration packages that expatriates can expect. Today, the Gulf region is an employer's market. Living conditions are considerably better than few years ago, and the need to pay substantially high wages to attract workers is no longer present.

The situation has led several labour-exporting countries to lower the recommended minimum wage of their workers.

For example, by the end of 1986 Pakistan announced a 15 per cent wage cut for nationals working in the region so that the minimum wage for its unskilled labour is now close to \$140 a month. Other labour exporting countries (Egypt, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka etc.) invariably followed suit.

Development According to a random sample compiled by the Saudi Gazette, salaries for selected expatriate positions in the Kingdom have fallen by up to 50 per cent in the last three years. The largest drop in monthly salaries was reported for a general office workers, construction workers, plumbers, messengers, drivers and general low skilled labourers.

However, salaries for certain highly skilled jobs have actually increased during the last three years. There has been a steadily growing need for specialists in computers, finance, banking, utilities' operations and many other specialties required in the up-market industrial, services and operations and maintenance sectors.

The national development plans of the various Gulf countries and the corresponding annual budgets have accorded investment in education and training a high priority.

Saudi Arabia alone has invested more than \$32 billion on technical education and vocational training during the First, Second and Third Development Plans (1970-1985) and the other GCC countries have spent between them at least as much. The Kingdom's Fourth Plan (1986-1990) envisages a total outlay of SR35 billion (\$9.3 billion) to be allocated to vocational training and youth welfare.

However, a major constraint to these programmes remains in the realm of motivation. The discipline and pace of the industrial and modern services sector differ from the experience that nationals acquired in the more relaxed work environment of the public sector. The willingness and ability of the indigenous population to adapt to the more stringent work conditions is a key determinant to how fast the region will be able to reduce its dependence on expatriate labour.

Enrolment in vocational training centres has been on the rise in the various Gulf countries. In 1986, around 14,500 students were enrolled in vocational schools in Saudi Arabia, up from 9,000 in 1983 and 7,000 in 1980. The Kingdom's Fourth Development Plan estimates the total number of enrolments in the vocational programmes during the plan period 1985-1990 at 58,200.

In Kuwait and Bahrain the number of students in vocational schools have also been on the rise reaching in 1986 around 7,100 and 9,800 respectively and the same applies to the other Gulf countries.

Attitudes With the spread of education and vocational training, new attitudes are developing whereby increasingly more nationals are seeking employment opportunities in the productive sectors of the economy. This trend is further fostered by the higher compensation that certain technical and blue collar jobs command compared to clerical jobs in the public sector.

Those qualified in technical

professions are finding it easier to acquire immediate employment after graduation, than those holding degrees in arts and humanities.

Apart from expanding vocational and technical training, developing new and more realistic attitudes towards remuneration and employment opportunities available and maximising job opportunities for nationals, there is a need to implement a programme of mandatory on-the-job training by expatriates.

The reserve of qualified non-nationals in the region to serve this function is enormous. There are close to two million skilled expatriates in the six Gulf states, this is more than the total number of instructors in the secondary and higher education levels by at least fifty to one.

The potential to harness expatriate 'know-how' is readily available to policymakers. Various institutions could be obliged to make provisions for on-the-job training of their national employees to be certified upon completion.

Improvements Fulfilment of this obligation could be monitored by governments and tied to future public sector contracts or partially subsidised for the additional cost incurred.

A logical extension of this concept is the idea of corporate sponsored technical programmes in such fields as banking, computers, import-export, telecommunications, accounting and management among others. Such programmes would help eliminate the social stigma which vocational training has inherited and bridge the gap between academia and the corporate world.

While education at all levels in the Gulf region has undergone remarkable improvements during the last fifteen years, its capacity to accommodate future demands for certain skills and high level manpower remains limited.

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Algeria offers to sell oil and liquefied gas to Morocco

RABAT, July 6, (Reuters): Algeria has offered to sell Morocco crude oil and liquefied natural gas delivered through a pipeline across Moroccan territory, the government daily Al Anba reported today.

It said Algerian Energy Minister Belkacem Nabi and his Moroccan counterpart Mohamed Fethah agreed during talks in the Moroccan border town of Oujda yesterday that a joint committee should study the proposal in Algiers next week.

Morocco at present imports all its fuel needs from the West, the Middle East and the Gulf.

Al Anba said Nabi and Fethah agreed to revive a Moribund Electricity Committee which Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco set up to encourage co-operation in the energy sector.

The committee, to eventually include Libya and Mauritania, will meet in Morocco in September, the newspaper said.

Prior to the talks, Nabi and Fethah attended a ceremony at Oujda marking the linking of the Algerian and Moroccan electricity grids through a high-tension 20 megawatt line.

The Algerian news agency APS said Algeria and Tunisia had already linked their power networks and a similar arrangement between Libya and Tunisia was being studied.

Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Libya and Mauritania have been making efforts to achieve North African unity.

Minolta looks set to gain lead

OSAKA, Japan, July 6, (Reuters): Minolta looks set to regain the lead in the auto-focus SLR market with a computer-aided solution to a big problem the fast-moving subject, industry analysts say.

Current auto-focus single lens reflex cameras suffer a micro-second delay between focussing and operating the shutter.

Introduced in May, the Alpha 77000 sells for 80,000 yen (\$600) in Japan and analysts predict it could double Minolta's domestic market share to about 40 per cent.

Disappointing trade figures highlight Soviet economy's persistent problems

MOSCOW, July 6, (Reuters): A set of disappointing trade figures has highlighted the Soviet Union's persistent problems with its exports as it tries to tone up an ailing economy.

Both Soviet and Western analysts say an improvement in trade is essential to the success of Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's drive to reform inefficient and uncompetitive industries.

Deficit But in the first three months of 1988, the Soviet Union ran a trade deficit with the West of 1.04 billion roubles (\$1.62 billion). That compared with a surplus of 562.4 million roubles (\$877 million) in the same quarter of 1987.

Western analysts in Moscow said the slump was probably due to lower oil prices. Sales of oil, oil products and gas account for the bulk of Soviet exports to the West.

"They've had extreme difficulty fine-tuning exports and imports," one said.

By the year 2000, exports are targeted to increase in volume by 2.2 to 2.4 times and Soviet

economists have stressed recently that altering the mix of exports should be a priority — precisely to avoid depending on the unstable oil market.

But Soviet consumer products are often shoddy and poorly designed by Western standards. Their main market abroad is in Eastern Europe due to traditional political links and their competitive price.

Removing "It may be uncomfortable to admit it, comrades, but sometimes in order to sell Soviet products, we have to go to the extent of removing the label saying 'made in the USSR,'" Yuli Kvititsky, Soviet Ambassador to West Germany, told the recent Communist Party conference.

A recently-formed Association of Exporters, aimed at improving the situation, acknowledges that Western competitors in the export market have both know-how and production and research facilities that Soviet Union lacks.

It will study Western business practices and brief export firms

on marketing techniques, lacking up to now but essential if Soviet export agencies are to compete internationally.

Designed A joint venture law, which allows foreign firms to set up businesses with Soviet enterprises, is designed in part to introduce Western business expertise and technology.

Almost 60 firms have signed joint venture deals since the law was introduced at the start of 1987, including major US corporations such as Occidental Petroleum and Combustion Engineering which have clinched multi-million dollar deals.

But analysts in Moscow said relatively few of these new businesses had started production and it was too early for them to have had any effect on the economy.

Meanwhile, one trade analyst said an interesting aspect of the weekend figures, a sharp rise in trade with the United States, was largely due to American grain sales.

The expert said the increase in non-agricultural trade had been slight.

China announces new regulations to lure Taiwanese investors

BEIJING, July 6, (AP): China announced new regulations today designed to lure Taiwanese investors to the mainland to "tap the potential here and make money."

The word comes a day before Taiwan's governing Nationalist Party holds a crucial Congress at which it will discuss relaxing its ban on trade with the mainland.

The 22 regulations consolidate rules on tax breaks and other incentives already offered by many coastal provinces and cities closest to Taiwan, whose residents have covertly invested millions of dollars on the Mainland.

Welcome "We welcome Taiwan business people to come and tap the potential here and make money, and we would like to learn from their expertise," Yuan Mu, spokesman for the State Council, China's cabinet, told a news conference in the Great Hall of the People.

"It is profitable for (Taiwan residents) to come and invest here," he said. "The cost of production in Taiwan is rising. Some Taiwanese capital needs to

find outlets to other parts of the world."

Taiwan has been estranged from the mainland since 1949, when the Nationalists under Chiang Kai-Shek lost a civil war to the Communists. Chiang and thousands of followers fled to Taiwan, about 160 kilometres (100 miles) off the southeast coast, and set up a rival government.

After decades of banning all contacts with the mainland, the Nationalists last year began allowing Taiwan residents to visit close relatives there. This spring, Taiwan began to permit mail exchanges via the International Red Cross.

Although Taiwan still prohibits trade and investment ties, many Taiwanese businessmen secretly have invested in their mainland ancestral homes. Two-way indirect trade totalled about \$1.5 billion last year.

The Nationalist Congress is to consider allowing the indirect import of raw materials such as coal from the mainland.

The Communist government's investment regulations clearly were timed to provoke debate at

the session and encourage younger Nationalists to press for faster liberalisation.

Beijing regards relatively prosperous Taiwan as a valuable source of needed capital and technology and has said repeatedly it is willing to forget the civil war legacy of hatred.

The regulations generally treat Taiwanese the same as any foreign investor, though Shen Juren, vice-minister of the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade, told the news conference that terms are slightly more favourable.

Guarantee They guarantee the right to remit profits in convertible currency, promise that no assets will be nationalised and exempt Taiwan-funded enterprises from import and export taxes when they manufacture goods for export.

Taiwanese may develop land in coastal areas of the mainland, set up wholly owned companies, enter into joint ventures with mainland companies, buy stock or shares in mainland companies and engage in compensation trade, the regulations say.

37/1	37/1
21/1	20/7
20/4	20/5
21/0	20/7

WST CORP	65/3	65/1	SHELL TRAN	53/1	53/2
MCB CORP	23/6	23/5	SHER PLOU	9/0	8/6
NEW ENGS EL	14/5	14/7	SMITH INT	46/1	45/6
NEW PLS RE	43/3	43/3	SMITHK BEC	41/7	41/7
NEMELL CO	41/0	41/0	SNAP ON TL	39/0	38/7
NEWMONT MI	41/2	41/0	SOURCE CAP	25/4	23/4
NEWMONT GLO	0	59/1	SOUTHERN	0	13/0
NI MOHE-10	0	75/0	SPERRY	0	54/6
NI MOHT-72	12/4	12/5	SQUARE D	55/0	53/0
NICOLET IN	29/4	29/5	SQUIBB	64/7	64/3
NICOR INC	7/2	7/2	STANLEY WO		
NI INDS	11/5	11/4	STONE CONT	37/0	36/7
NORBLE AFF	10/7	10/7	SUN CO	55/5	55/5
NORF RESOU	30/2	30/2	SUNO	56/6	56/6
NORTHROP	58/6	58/6	SUNSTRAND	4/2	4/2
NORTON	36/0	36/0	SUNSH MIN	25/2	23/2
NOVA IND	43/0	43/2	SUPER VAL	18/5	18/5
NUCOR CORP	1/2	1/1	SUN SOUTHEAST	21/4	21/3
KAC INDS	26/5	26/4	SW GAS	38/5	38/5
OCC PETRCC	17/1	17/1	SWI BELL	45/7	45/7
OCEAN DRIL	28/0	28/1	TANDY CORP	64/6	64/6
ODGEN CORP	18/6	18/6	TDK	23/7	23/6
ON ED CO	17/5	18/0	TECO ENERG	26/1	26/2
OLIO WATT	49/4	49/2	TEKTRONIX	338/6	337/0
OLIN CORP	8/0	8/1	TELETYPE	0	49/0
OMNICARE	15/1	15/2	TELEX CORP	17/0	17/1
ORION PICT	17/2	17/1	TERADYNE	10/1	10/1
PAINE WEB	2/4	2/4	TESORO PET	2/7	2/7
PAN AM	25/4	25/4	TEX AMER B	2/4	26/5
PARK HANDE	18/4	18/6	TEX EAS TR	47/2	47/2
PARK ELECT	3/7	4/0	TEXACO	41/2	41/4
PARKER DR	36/2	36/0	TEXAS IND	49/5	49/6
PARKER PAN	3/7	3/6	TEXAS INST	25/4	25/6
PATROCK PET	26/4	26/5	TEXTRON	21/1	21/1
PAYLESS CSH	7/6	7/4	THORNS WED	0	6/1
PULPULAN CO	0	88/0	TIDEWATER	13/5	13/5
PC IND-96	22/5	22/5	TIGER INT	79/7	79/4
PEN CENT	81/6	81/6	TIMKEN	33/2	33/2
PERMIALT	75/0	74/7	TORCHMARK	3/0	3/0
PERNZOIL	19/4	19/6	TOSCO	38/3	38/2
PEOPLES EN	37/0	37/0	TOYS R US	33/4	33/4
PESICO	52/3	52/3	TRANSGAS	31/2	31/0
PFIZER	41/5	41/2	TRANSCO EN	6/1	6/1
PHILIPS DOD	84/2	84/1	TRANSCO EX	37/3	37/3
PHILIP MOR	16/4	16/5	TRAVELLERS	35/6	35/6
PHILLIPS PE	35/1	35/3	TRINITY INT	18/0	18/0
PILLSBURY	44/5	44/5	TV CORP	33/5	33/5
PITTMANES	15/2	15/2	UAL CORP	96/4	96/6
PITTSBURG	30/6	30/5	UTD BRAND	18/0	17/6
POLAROID	23/0	23/0	UTD TECH	38/4	38/3
PORTLAND GE	16/2	16/2	UNILEVER	55/1	55/1
PRIME COMP	38/7	38/7	UNION CAMP	37/4	37/4
PRIMEIRICA	27/6	27/7	UNION CARB	23/1	23/1
PROCT-GAMB	71/7	78/1	US SHOE	18/0	18/1
PUGET SP-1	19/4	19/4	USX CP.	32/5	32/5
PULTE HOME	7/6	7/6	US WEST	57/1	57/4
QUAKER COR	45/1	44/6	U	36/7	36/7
QUAKER COR	20/5	20/5	VALERO EN	7/7	7/7
QUANTUM CH	103/7	103/5	VALLEY IND	3/2	3/2
RALS PURIN	75/6	76/0	VARCO INTC	3/6	3/6
RANDOLPH INN	7/7	7/7	VARIAK ASS	30/2	30/0

1/1	RAYTHEM	58/7		WALGREEN	34/3	34/3
1/2	REGAL INTL	51/3	*13			
1/2	REYNOLD INC	67/7	52/0	WARNER COM	36/4	36/5
1/1	R.J.N BASTIC	48/2	48/4	WARNER LAM	68/0	67/7
1/1	ROCHES G-E	18/0	18/0	WASTE MAN	36/4	36/1
1/1	ROCKAWAY C	0	10/5	WASH GAS L	24/6	24/6
1/4	ROCKWELL	21/6	21/6	WENDY INTL	6/0	6/0
1/1	ROHR TMS	31/1	31/1	WEST CO	14/4	14/4
1/6	ROLLINS EN	20/0	20/0	WESTINGHOUSE	57/1	57/3
1/1	ROLLINS IN	15/6	15/6	WILLIAMS-C	31/1	31/4
1/1	RORER GRP	35/4	35/2	WILLIAMS E	8/4	8/4
1/1	ROMAN COMP	6/7	6/7	WINNBERG	11/2	11/2
1/6	ROYL DUNCH	111/6	111/4	WINK-DIXIE	41/0	41/0

7/5	RYLAND GRP	26/6	16/6	WRIELEY	38/1	37/7
7/5	S IMD G-E	19/6	29/4	WYLE LABS	11/0	11/0
7/5	SALOMON	27/1	24/5	XEROX CORP	55/6	55/2
7/1	SARA LEE	34/5	37/1	XTRA INC	31/4	31/4
7/5	SC ATLANTA	14/5	16/5	ZAPATA	2/6	2/7
7/5	SCOTT PPR	41/5	41/5	ZAYRA CORP	20/3	20/5
7/5	SCOTTS	13/4	13/5	ZENITH EL	27/6	27/7
7/5	SE BANK CO	25/0	25/0	ZERO	16/0	16/0
7/4	SEAGRAM CO	57/4	57/3			

Dow Jones Plus Indices

	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
IND	2,157.18	- 1.43	2,160.92	2,151.67
TRANS	908.15	- 0.30	910.39	905.91
UTILS	181.66	- 0.48	182.25	181.07
STOCKS	805.25	- 0.68	806.77	803.32
NYSE COMP	155.55	- .2		
S-P COMPOSITE	275.71	- 1.10		
NYSE INDS	188.37	+ 0.04		
AHEK INDEX	310.33	+ 0.74		
NASD NYND	304.67	+ 0.30		

1/2	TRF L	468.06 + 0.65
3/4	WASD IND	474.06 + 0.99
9/16	S-P 100 INDEX	263.75 - 0.17

3/4 - 1/8	INSTAR CP	8 1/8	+ 1 3/4
3/4 - 1/8	ANDAHIL CP	53 1/2	- 1/4
3/4 + 1/8	GAYLORD	21 1/4	+ 1/4
PER CENT CHANGE			
3/8 + 1/2	AMEX LARGEST	21	+ 1/4
5/8 + 1	INSTAR CP	8 1/8	+ 1 3/4
1/4 + 1 3/4	HAMSTON HL	2	+ 3/8
1/8 - 3/8	SAGE ENRGY	8 1/2	+ 1
1/8 - 1/2	FORTHMAN	5 3/4	- 1/2
	XEROX SCOR	4 3/4	- 3/8
57,862,800	AMEX VOLUME		3,706,420
475	STOCKS UP		175
566	STOCKS DOWN		180
VOLUME 109,016,600			
DOWN 971			

ny): Wall Street stocks continued their slow decline with blue chips showing said traders had pulled back from the market due to a hesitant dollar and Commodity prices rose slightly and were not a major factor, analysts said. Down six points at 2153 and declining issues opened up a moderate margin d up on the active list in dividend related trading, brokers said. Nevada NYSE issue, was unchanged at 21-1/8.

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Dow Jones industrial average edges higher

Dollar eases as Bundesbank again moves to push it lower

LONDON, July 6. (Reuters): The dollar eased again today as West Germany's central bank continued a campaign of forcing the US currency down.

The pause in the dollar's nearly one-month old rally unsettled Wall Street stocks — the Dow Jones industrial average had edged just 5.33 points higher to 2,163.94 by midday after a 27-point gain yesterday.

Firmed
Stock markets elsewhere firmed. A weaker dollar means less risk of inflation in Europe and Asia, even if it risks hurting exporters' sales. In Hong Kong, shares jumped two per cent as the Hang Seng index hit a post crash of 87 high.

But many investors are being cautious. They say West Germany seems to be alone in trying to halt a dollar rally triggered by a declining US trade deficit and buoyant American economy.

"With underlying improvement in the US trade position becoming manifest in the monthly reports, we believe investor

sentiment for the dollar is becoming increasingly positive," said Paul Chertkov, director of economic research at London stockbrokers Hoare Govett.

The dollar slipped about 0.25 pence to close at 1.8220 West German marks.

But, said a senior dealer for big German bank, "It seems the roller-coaster ride of the last few weeks is over."

The dollar recently touched 1.83 marks. It closed in New York yesterday just under 1.82 and it traded just above that level in Europe today.

Fetched
It fetched around 133.75 Japanese yen today. Earlier this week it rose above 135.

Dealers said open market intervention led by West Germany's Bundesbank, which has repeatedly sold dollars and did so again today, seemed to have capped the dollar's ascent for now.

Much of the hot money flowed from dollars into Britain's pound sterling. Britain is trying to pinch off a

credit-driven consumer spending binge, which is syphoning in imports and threatening higher inflation, and this week it took its leading interest rates up to a relatively high 10 per cent.

Five British interest rate rises in about a month have boosted the yield on sterling assets — and the pound today rose to around \$1.7130 and 3.1240 marks — up from 1.7040 and 3.1059 yesterday.

Economists say a strong pound puts Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government in a bind. It makes it harder to use the weapon of high interest rates against inflation — since, if these drive the pound yet higher, British exports risk being overpriced in foreign markets.

High-yield
Other high-yield currencies to attract money moving out of the dollar were the Australian and New Zealand dollars.

Stock markets today were mostly higher after Wall Street yesterday surged 27 points, taking the Dow Jones industrial

average to 2,158.61, its best since October's crash.

The weaker dollar was a prime factor in Tokyo where the Nikkei stock index climbed 189.43 points to 27,766.60. Later, the dollar rally has prompted fears about inflation in Japan.

"It is certainly good that the market is up, but it is hard to say what is going on with exchange rates," said a fund manager at the Bank of Tokyo. "In the short-term, things look good, but in the long-term fears still exist."

Shrugged off
Elsewhere, the Australian All-Ordinaries Index surged 16.7 points to close at 1,589.2 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index ended, like Wall Street, at a post-crash high. It closed at 2,737.51 up 55 points or more than two per cent.

London caught the mood, although trading was light, and the FTSE index of 100 blue chips was up 14 around 1,869 at midday. Shares also rose in Frankfurt,

Paris and Zurich. In all those centres, dealers said Wall Street's yesterday advance was a major factor.

Oil prices were a touch firmer. Traders shrugged off nervousness about tensions in the Gulf.

But they took notice of a Kuwait News Agency report that Kuwait, Ecuador and Venezuela were discussing a possible emergency OPEC meeting to tackle the prevailing glut which sent some crude prices to 19-month lows on Monday.

North Sea Brent crude traded for September loading at \$14.62 a barrel, up 40 cents from Monday's quote.

Firmer oil prices underpinned gold which was set in the London bullion market little changed at \$438.10 an ounce.

Prices for soya products in Europe eased by up to \$18 a tonne, following falls in Chicago farm prices yesterday after the National Weather Service projected above-normal rain in the drought-stricken US Midwest in its six-to-10 day forecast.

World Bank says military spending hurts economies

WASHINGTON, July 6. (Reuters): The World Bank today disputed claims that military spending by Third World countries benefitted their economies and led to improved development.

In its annual development report and at a briefing for reporters, bank economists said that a growing body of evidence suggested that the opposite was true. The discussion of military spending is unusual for the World Bank since the international lending agency, at least publicly, has taken the position of not involving itself in issues that deal with a country's security.

Extent
"It is in response to some extent to a theory that has been advanced that military spending is in fact desirable in terms of development performance. Our reading of the situation is that is not the case," an official said. In the report, the bank said

"evidence increasingly points to high military spending as contributing to fiscal and debt crisis, complicating stabilisation and adjustment, and negatively affecting economic growth and development."

Officials said the bank, which has increasingly been making loans designed to bring about economic reform by reducing subsidies and other distortions, does point out to countries that there are economic risks associated with targeting large amounts of money for armaments.

Spend
The report estimated that six per cent of the world's total public spending goes for military purposes — more than \$900 billion in 1985 alone.

Industrial countries spend by far the most in absolute and per capita terms, while developing spend more on the military as a share of their overall economy, the report said.

It said that most of the growth in military spending in recent years, both absolutely and as a share of gross national product, an economic measure, has occurred in the industrial countries.

The world faces the threat of recession and more volatile financial markets unless leading industrial nations improve their economic policies, the World Bank report said.

In a largely pessimistic annual assessment, the bank said the delicately woven global economic tapestry could easily unravel and cause widespread suffering.

"Without significant changes in these policies the present economic uncertainty may soon be followed by a worldwide recession," the bank said in its world development report.

It said lasting divergences in economic policy among the leading industrial countries threatened the global economy.

Three members seek emergency OPEC meeting

THREE OPEC member states are considering a call for an emergency meeting of the 13-nation organisation if world oil prices continue to weaken, the Kuwait News Agency reported yesterday.

Citing high-level senior industry sources, it said that consultations were under way among officials from Venezuela, Algeria and Ecuador.

The unnamed sources told KUNA that the talks have not yet reached a point where there has been any official contact with other members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries over the proposed emergency meeting.

Positive response
KUNA quoted its sources as saying that some OPEC nations would give a "positive response" to a call for an emergency session.

But they said that "major" member states would not readily accept because of lack of guarantees an emergency meeting would have any positive effect on the organisation's policies or the world oil market.

KUNA did not elaborate. But the reference to nations which might object to an emergency meeting without any prospect of

a consensus on policy apparently pointed to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

Both OPEC states have opposed calls for emergency sessions without first establishing clear objectives.

The news agency said that its sources hinted that Venezuela, Algeria and Ecuador might ask OPEC Secretary-General Subroto, the former Indonesian oil minister, to canvas member states about support for an emergency meeting.

KUNA's sources said that production quota violations by several OPEC countries have resulted in an output excess of 3.5 million barrels a day over an overall ceiling of 15.06 million barrels by 12 of the organisation's members.

Refuses
Iraq refuses to accept a quota that is not equal to that accorded Iran, its enemy in the nearly 8-year-old Gulf war.

KUNA's report did not indicate whether the 19.1 million barrels cited applied only to the 12 members with quotas or included Iraq.

Iraq's current production is estimated at more than 2.5 million barrels a day, oil industry executives reported.

The agency's sources acknowledged severe weakness in the world oil market. But they cautioned that without firm policy commitments prior to any emergency OPEC meeting that an ineffectual session could "increase the chaos."

KUNA's sources noted that over-production and the definition of exactly what constitutes crude-oil production are key issues which would have to be addressed.

The latter issue is a point of controversy between Venezuela and Kuwait in particular.

Meanwhile, Indonesian Mines and Energy Minister Giniandjar Kartasasmita said yesterday Indonesia regretted continued oil production quota violations by the UAE.

The UAE is producing 1.3 million barrels of oil per day, much more than its 948,000-barrel output ceiling agreed at an OPEC meeting in Vienna last month, according to a Reuters survey this week.

Regrets
"Indonesia once again regrets the one-month quota agreement has been violated by the United Arab Emirates," Giniandjar told reporters before a monthly economic cabinet meeting.

Output of the OPEC is at its highest since last October despite softer demand for its oil exports, industry sources said.

Giniandjar said over-production was weakening OPEC's markets. "Spot prices have gone down due to over-production and this will badly affect (official) oil prices."

He said Indonesia was sticking to its quota of 1.19 million barrels a day affirmed at last month's OPEC meeting, despite violations by some members.

"At OPEC's last meeting, the emirates said they would obey the output ceiling even though they said the quota was not fair," he said. "If there's a problem, they should discuss it in the coming OPEC meeting and not make a unilateral decision."

Sticks
"Quota violations have happened before but Indonesia sticks to the agreed production ceiling because such violations would not be beneficial to OPEC members themselves," he said.

The Indonesian energy minister said he had contacted new Organisation Secretary-General Subroto, of Indonesia, and several other oil ministers within the organisation about how to stop sliding prices.

Gulf incident probably will not affect oil prices, say traders

NEW YORK, July 6. (AP): Oil traders ignored Iran's outrage over the US destruction of an Iranian jetliner, saying the aftermath of the Gulf incident probably would not affect petroleum shipping or inflate prices.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, a sensitive barometer of world prices, the contract for August delivery of West Texas Intermediate crude oil rose 15 cents to \$15.09 a barrel in light trading on Thursday. The exchange was closed on Monday for the US Independence Day holiday.

Emphasised
Traders ascribed the rise to short-term speculative buying ahead of the American Petroleum Institute's weekly report on US oil stocks, but emphasised that the market remained depressed because of oversupply and the outlook for prices was down.

"Demand is small and supply is great, and as we see it right now, no one's going to listen to what the Iranians say," said Thomas McKiernan, head of McKiernan and Co., an energy

futures trading concern in New York.

Although prices opened about 20 cents higher, the lack of aggressive buying signalled traders that Iran's vow to avenge the American missile attack on an Iranian commercial flight on Sunday was mostly rhetoric that would have marginal impact on the busy oil-shipping lanes in the Gulf.

"No one can stop the flow of traffic. Everyone has their navies over there," said McKiernan. "If the market couldn't open at least 50 cents higher on news like this, it wasn't going to go there."

Concerned
Others said they were more concerned about the waning influence of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, the 13-nation organisation that once was able to dictate prices through its ability to constrict supplies.

Evidence has grown in recent weeks that an OPEC production-sharing arrangement has unraveled, with key participants violating output restraints and driving prices down into an

already glutted market.

The \$15-a-barrel range where prices are now is \$3 less than OPEC's intended target and is the lowest level this year.

Some analysts speculated that if the jetliner had been shot down during a business day, prices would have surged, at least initially. But because many traders had time to assess the risks while most world oil markets were closed, the reaction was muted.

Keep coming

Others said previous Iranian vows of retribution against the United States or Iran's wartime enemy Iraq had never resulted in a significant slowdown of Persian Gulf shipping, so the latest warnings were discounted or dismissed.

"The oil market has gotten very ho-hum about the Iran-Iraq hostilities," said Stephen Smith, an oil analyst at Bear Stearns Cos. in New York. "An occasional oil platform is taken out, but oil keeps coming. So the market has seen oil keep flowing no matter what the rhetoric."

KD deposit rates ease

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates eased yesterday as banks unwound dollar positions, dealers said.

The dinar, which last week fell to nine-month lows against the dollar, gained modestly yesterday when the Central Bank put its dinar exchange rate at 0.28193/203 to the dollar from Tuesday's 0.28223/33.

Commercial banks quoted spot dinar rates of around 0.28194/201.

The issue of KD70 million in three-month Treasury bills had little effect on liquidity since an earlier issue for the same amount matured yesterday.

Tomorrow's next funds, which surged to 6-1/4 per cent on Tuesday ahead of the bill issue, plunged to one per cent along with spot-note. Overnight traded at three per cent.

One-month business fell to 6-1/8 and six per cent from Tuesday's 6-1/2 per cent, and quotes for the one through three-month maturities were 1/8 point lower at 6-1/2, 1/4 per cent. Two-month deals were reported at 6-1/4 per cent and three-month at 6-1/2 per cent.

COCOM discusses easing export curbs on China

PARIS, July 6. (Reuters): The West's trade watchdog body COCOM is meeting in the French capital this week to discuss easing restrictions on the sale of sensitive goods to China, Western diplomatic sources said.

They said the 16-nation group was meeting from Monday to Thursday as part of a regular review of a list of sensitive goods Western nations are banned from selling to China.

Dropping

The meeting is the ninth since 1985, when the Committee for Multinational Export Control (COCOM) decided China should be allowed access to more Western high technology than Warsaw Pact nations.

The sources said this week's meeting was discussing dropping about a dozen products from COCOM's list of goods that China may not buy from the West.

Sophisticated electronics, telecommunications products and computers were among the products China might be able to buy if the COCOM members, who include all NATO countries except Iceland, reach agreement this week. It also includes Japan. Japan announced in June it

would ask COCOM to ease restrictions on exports to China, although the sources said Tokyo's delegates to the closed-door meetings, along with the United States, were being very sensitive.

They said, however, that the meeting was likely to end with restrictions being eased, although COCOM would demand that China did not pass on the high technology products to other Communist countries.

Called off

"As long as China continues on the path it has chosen there is good reason for COCOM to be more relaxed," one diplomat said.

He said COCOM had been scheduled to meet last October to discuss exports to China, but the meeting was called off when it was discovered Beijing had sold Silkorm missiles to Iran, which could be used against US forces in the Gulf.

N.America and Asia will maintain economic growth through 1989

UNITED NATIONS, July 6. (UPI): Economic growth will be maintained in North America and Asia through 1989 as a slowdown in population growth helps boost per capita income for people in those regions, a UN survey said today.

But individual output for many African and Latin American countries, which fell last year, will continue to decline in 1989 despite a strong worldwide economy that is underpinned by the ongoing international debt crisis, the survey said.

Varied

The UN World Economic Survey 1988 said economic growth varied sharply among developing countries, with half of these nations registering 2.5 per cent or less in economic growth in 1987.

The best performers in the survey were market economies in Western Europe, Japan and Asia.

The developed market economies as a whole grew by 3.0 per cent in 1987, the survey said.

"The United Kingdom (4.8 per cent), Japan (4.2 per cent) and Canada (3.9 per cent) had the highest rates of growth among the major industrialised nations," it said.

"This may slow in 1988 and 1989 but, since population growth is averaging only 0.6 per cent, per capita income will continue to rise significantly each year," the survey said.

"In Asia (excluding Japan), the average rate of growth was 5.6 per cent last year while population growth continued to fall. Korea and Taiwan expanded at double-digit rates," the UN study found.

"The growth in southeast Asia was fuelled by a rapid expansion of exports, up 25 per cent last year, mostly to Japan."

Sustained

The survey said Asia's annual growth rate of five per cent or more is expected to be sustained until 1990. It said China's economy grew by 9.3 per cent last year and should maintain growth at eight per cent in 1988 and 7.5 per

cent in 1989.

Exports of manufactured goods grew at a faster rate in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines, which compete in a market previously dominated by Hong Kong, Taiwan and Korea.

The burden caused by debt servicing, declining commodity prices and lower oil export earnings besieged at least 16 countries in Africa and 10 in Latin America that saw output per person erode in 1987, the survey said.

Debt
"The economic adjustment difficulties have been especially marked in Nigeria, where total output has now fallen by two per cent or more in six of the past seven years for a net drop of over 20 per cent since 1980," the survey said.

Latin American countries, with an accumulated debt of \$380 billion, will see a resurgence of inflation because of failure by governments to reduce budget deficits.

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Total debts owed by developing countries reached \$1 trillion. Since solutions are slow to come and problems slow to be settled, negotiations between debtor countries and multilateral creditors were "highly strained" in 1987, the survey said.

Renegotiate
Standard procedures to solve debt-servicing problems by which debtor countries renegotiate their payments and arrange for new loans have

waned, the survey said. Debtor nations showed "fatigue and frustration" and creditors were disillusioned about recovering the loans, it said.

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It said a "highly unusual development" has resulted with some countries accumulating significant arrears totalling \$2 billion that was owed to the International Monetary Fund by late 1987. It did not name the countries.

Turbulence
The debt situation is universally recognised as unsustainable and "signs of strains are multiplying," the survey said.

Meanwhile, the United Nations warned governments today that volatile exchange and interest rates which helped trigger the crash of 87 might again lead to major financial disruption.

"Stock prices have partly recovered in the past six months yet the events of October 1987 continue to instil fears of similar turbulence to come..." said the UN survey.

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despite government action on domestic financial practice and more effective policy co-ordination by leading nations.

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Gulf insurers leave war risk premiums unchanged

LONDON, July 6. (Reuters): London's ship insurers left war risk insurance premiums on ships and planes unchanged in spite of the shooting down of an Iran Air Airbus in the Gulf by a US warship, leading underwriters said yesterday.

Christopher Rome, chairman of Lloyd's Underwriters Association, said that before Sunday's attack war risk rates had been expected to fall after a relative lull in the so-called tanker war in the Gulf.

Underwriters were now waiting to see if Iranian threats of retaliation would lead to increased hostilities in the Gulf, Rome said.

Underwriters said the benchmark for war risk rates for vessels embarking on a 14-day voyage into the Gulf but not going to Iran, Iraq or Kuwait was still 0.75 per cent of the ship's value.

Ships going to Kuwait might be charged a premium of one per cent of the value of the vessel.

LONDON, July 6. (Reuters): The drought threatening America's crops this year could pressure US and Soviet negotiators to get a new grain trade pact in writing as soon as possible.

US and Soviet officials meet in Vienna tomorrow and Friday in the third round of talks on renewing a multi-billion dollar, long-term grain agreement.

Eager

The talks started in March, with the United States eager to guarantee a market for a large part of the grain surplus its farmers usually harvest.

As Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev is pushing for his country to be able to feed itself, the Soviet Union wants more flexibility to cut imports when its own harvests are good.

But drought in the US grain belt is worrying both sides, and is already forcing grain prices up.

"The drought will force both parties to focus on the talks and come to a conclusion in a much more speedy fashion," a Geneva grain exporter said.

Well above
Last week, the Soviet Union signalled its concerns about soaring grain prices and tight supplies when it unexpectedly snapped up one million tonnes of US corn (maize) for shipment this summer, European exporters said.

It paid about \$143 a tonne — well above the \$90 a tonne paid when it last bought US corn, in

March. The purchase "shows a key buyer realises the drought is getting out of hand and wants to buy before prices go any higher," a Swiss grain exporter said.

US Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng has said the drought will not affect grain sales to the Soviet Union, since with a cushion of large US corn and wheat stocks, one smaller crop should not change the US bargaining position.

And US Trade Representative Clayton Yentler is among those who believe Washington will benefit from the Soviet Union's worries over access to supplies.

Upper hand

But other trade and diplomatic sources say the Kremlin has the upper hand because the Americans will be very eager to lock in minimum purchase guarantees for drought-hit US farmers.

Big harvests outside the United States mean lots of grain is available on the world market, said Brian Gardner, head of private Agriculture Consultants Policy Analysis Brussels.

"It's still a buyer's market," he said.

Oleg Tereschenko, grain buyer in New York for the Soviet grain buying agency Exportkubles, told Reuters world grain supplies were sufficient this year to meet Soviet needs and will

supplement any US shortfall.

That is why some grain analysts say the Soviet Union may be able to meet its aim of cutting the minimum amount of US grain it must buy from the nine million tonnes a year promised in the current five-year accord, which expires Sept 30.

The fastest train in India

THE government of India Tourist Office in Dubai has announced that Indian Railways plan to introduce the Shatabdi Express, the fastest train in India, on July 10th, 1988.

Running at a top speed of 140km an hour, the Shatabdi Express will connect New Delhi with Jhansi and cover the distance of 410km in just four hours and 40 minutes.

En route to Jhansi, the express will stop at Agra and the fort city of Gwalior. The two-hour journey from Delhi to Agra is the fastest one can make to the city of the Taj Mahal and is sure to appeal to tourists who prefer to travel by train for a close-up view of the country.

All the coaches are air-conditioned and are designed to accommodate 470 passengers. Attractive decor and piped music have been included to make the journey pleasant and comfortable.

PRAGUE, July 6. (Reuters): Comecon prime ministers heard impatient calls for a radical shake-up of the 10-nation Communist trading alliance but some of their allies showed resistance to change.

Soviet Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov and Hungarian Deputy Premier Jozsef Marjai complained about sluggish economic co-operation and other shortcomings plaguing the group, while East Germany and Romania said nothing about necessary reforms.

The 44th session of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance, the first since official relations were established with the EEC last month, was opened by Czechoslovak Premier Lubomir Strougal.

Several member countries have admitted that widely divergent stages

Dear Junior Readers,

Something very strange is happening in Kuwait at the moment. If you have not noticed, then you have been lucky and escaped the terror of the little white bugs! If you understand what I am talking about, you will also know that these wicked, white, winged things, although very tiny, are as ferocious as crocodiles, have no mercy when they attack and leave you looking and feeling like you have been trapped under the needle of your mother's sewing machine!

When the armies first invaded, they tended to lurk in trees waiting to descend upon innocent passers-by but now they have a new trick, which involves leaping up at you from the ground. No-one who goes outside is safe. Do not even think that wearing a winter coat and gumboots is going to protect you from these hungry hordes!

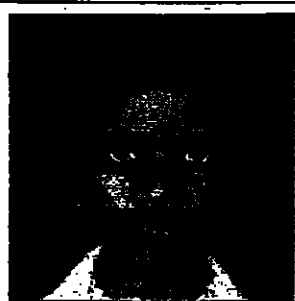
My advice is to stay indoors, block the air-conditioning and wait until they go away...no, I am joking, but I hope you are not a 'victim'.

So far, I have not even seen one...hold on, what's that...aaargh!

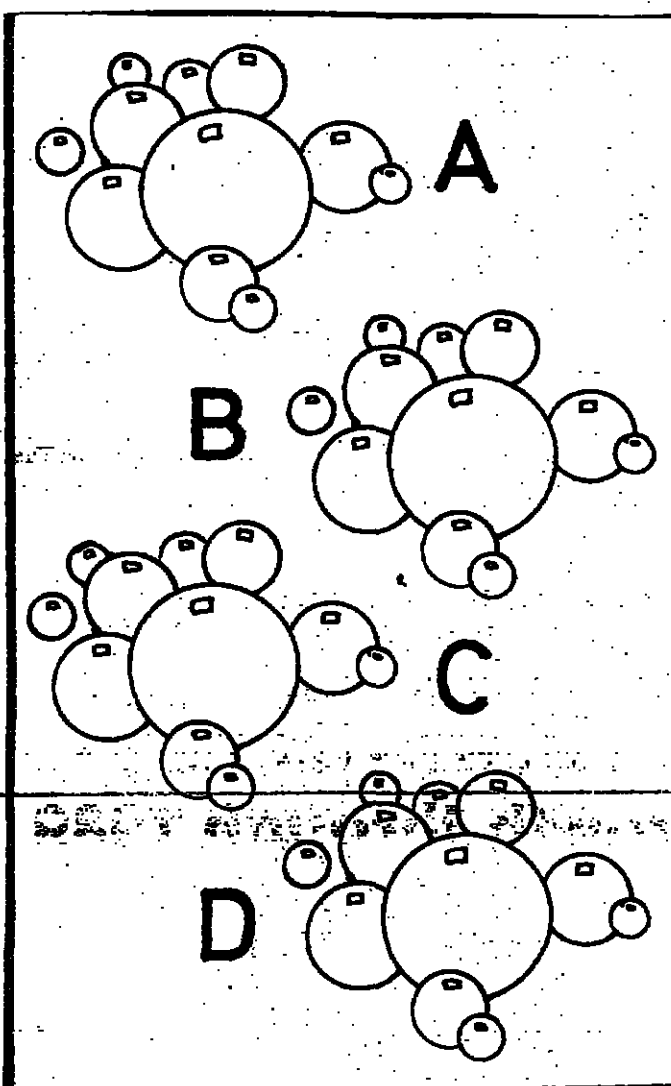
Auntie Jayne

Happy birthday

Simul Aktar will celebrate her tenth birthday on 8th July. Best wishes, Simul, from your family and friends.



Spot the difference



(Continued from Tuesday)

As soon as Hercules reached the palace of the tyrant, he challenged him to single combat. Killing him after a swift and sharp struggle, he threw the king's body into the stables to be devoured by his own horses. Then he boldly stepped into the midst of the fierce creatures, fastened them together by strong straps head to head, and drove them to the mountains. There, in course of time, many of them were killed by lions.

The ninth labour of Hercules was to conquer the Amazons, a nation of strong and warlike women, and to bring back as a sign of victory the girdle of gold and gems worn by their queen. These women warriors were feared by the best armies of men for their skill in use of the bow and in throwing the javelin.

Hercules made it known all over Greece that he was going to fight the Amazons, and many brave men, eager for adventure, joined him. The Amazons fought on horseback, as was their custom, and the Greeks on foot. In the battle Hercules was successful, but, of all his labours, it proved one of the hardest and most dangerous.

The hero now set to work upon his tenth labour. This was to kill the three-headed giant known as Geryon, who was guarded by a dog as hideous as himself, and to drive away his numerous flocks, which fed upon human flesh. Before Hercules could begin this work he had to take a tiring journey, along the whole length

of the Mediterranean and the Straits of Gibraltar, to the west coast of Africa. Months passed before he reached the land where Geryon lived. Even then he had to cross great mountains, and to follow the windings of long valleys, before he could find the monster.

But at last he was rewarded by seeing the terrible creature, with his dog by his side, sitting at the entrance to a great cavern. Both Geryon and his companion rushed upon Hercules so suddenly that he had not time to use his bow. A fearful struggle took place, the monster and the dog against the man. But soon the hideous two lay dead at the feet of their conqueror. The tenth labour of Hercules ended when he drove the flocks of Geryon to the mountain slopes, there to be devoured by the lions of Africa.

After the slaying of Geryon and the dog, Hercules returned to Greece by way of the mainland of Europe, a long and toilsome journey. But he had no time to rest after his great labours, for, on the day of his arrival home, a messenger met him from King Eurystheus, with orders to start at once in search of the golden apples from the garden of the Hesperides.

The Hesperides were three beautiful maidens whose work was to guard the tree bearing the golden apples presented by Jupiter to the queen of the gods. The maidens were

assisted in their task by a dragon, over whose huge body sprouted a hundred hideous heads.

It was a dangerous task, and the distance was great, for the apples grew in that far-off Africa from which Hercules had only just returned. But with a brave heart, not giving himself one day's rest, he set forth again to Africa to do his duty.

He had not the faintest idea in which part of Africa to look for the apples, but it was whispered to him by a friendly god that Nereus, one of the lesser gods, whose home was in the sea, could advise him in which direction to go. Now Nereus was very cunning, and when he saw any one coming to ask him a question, it was his custom to take the form of a fish and swim far away beyond hearing.

But Hercules was lucky enough to catch Nereus when he was having a mid-

day nap upon a rock, and he held him firmly until he had answered every question. Then, with a light heart, our hero travelled towards Africa. Having landed in the north, he was able, through what had been told him by Nereus, to reach the garden of the golden apples. How to get the treasures was now his chief difficulty; if he won the fight with the dragon, there still remained the three fair maidens to oppose him, and the greatest hero of his time could not very well lift a weapon against three girls.

While he was thus wondering what he had better do, he happened to meet a giant named Atlas. This giant was forced to carry the heavens upon his shoulders as a punishment for having once taken part in a battle against the gods.

"Tell me, great Atlas," said he, "how I may get into the garden where the golden apples grow." "Ah,"

replied Atlas, "all the guidance in the world would not bring you into that magic garden. But if you will carry my burden for a while, I will gladly go myself and obtain the golden apples for you."

"That I will gladly do," cried the hero; and, in a moment, the giant bent his knees and placed the load of the heavens upon the shoulders of Hercules. There he meant it to remain, for he was a cunning giant, and had grown tired of his weary burden. It did not take him long to reach the garden and pluck the golden apples. As soon as he had returned, he placed the sacred treasures in the hands of Hercules. Then, laughing with joy at being free from his heavy burden, he began to walk merrily away.

"Stay but for a little while," shouted the astonished Hercules; "if I am to carry your load, place it more comfortably upon

my shoulders. It is only right that you should show me that kindness."

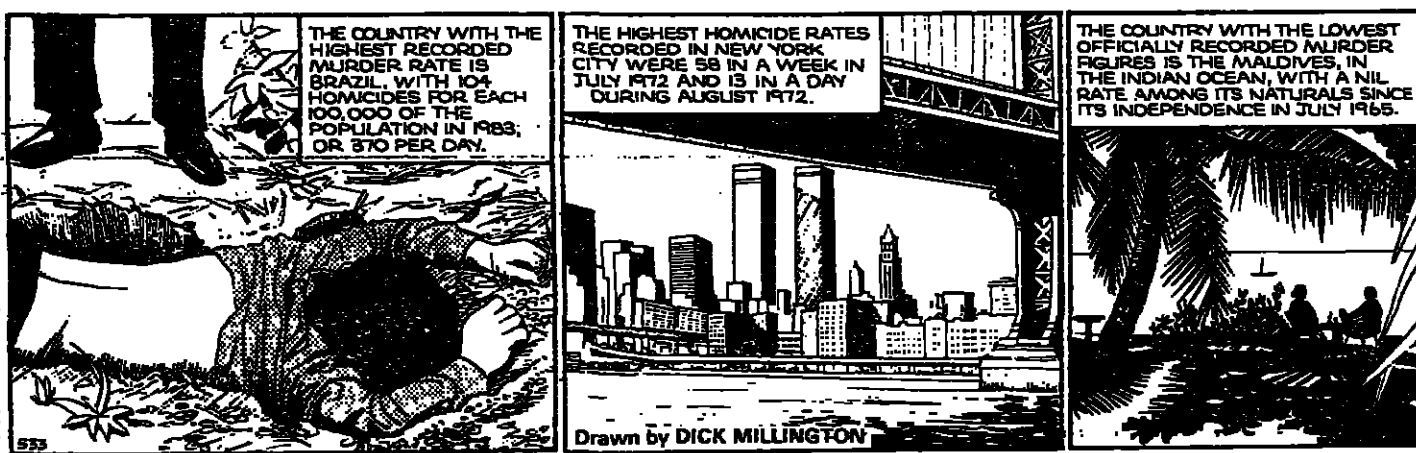
The giant at once agreed to do what Hercules wished, and with both hands he raised the load so that it might lie more easily. As soon as the hero felt the weight lifted from him, he ran swiftly to a distance. Then he turned round for one last look at the angry and disappointed Atlas, and laughed in triumph as he heard the cries of the giant, which sounded like the pealing of thunder.

Thus his eleventh labour was performed. The twelfth and last was to descend into the earth's depths and bring up the fearful three-headed dog, Cerberus, which was as big as an elephant. Each hair of the head of this awful creature was a snake, and earthquakes were caused whenever it barked. Hercules was not allowed by the ruler of the lower regions to have any weapons in his fight with the monster; he must use only his own bodily strength. After a struggle which lasted during a whole day, he conquered the dog, and carried it alive to King Eurystheus. Then he was ordered to take the creature back to its den in the rocky depths of the earth.

All this he did with as much success as in his other labours; and when the hero's tasks were done he won glory, both in heaven and on earth. When the end of his life came the gods promised that he should reign with them in glory forever, as a reward for doing his duty so patiently and so bravely.



Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



Why fungi are not green like other plants

For their food most plants make use of a special substance by means of which water and mineral salts (absorbed from the soil) and carbon dioxide (absorbed from the air) are changed into the starches which are necessary for growth. This substance, which is what gives plants their green colour, is called chlorophyll and the process of transformation is called photosynthesis because it needs the light of the sun.

There are, however, some plants which do not have any chlorophyll and are therefore able to grow in the dark. Fungi, for example, can be grown even in caves, and truffles actually grow underground. These plants, lacking any chlorophyll, are therefore not green, and need organic substances produced by other plants. That is why fungi live on the trunks and roots of dead trees.

Why the coconut palm is called the king of the vegetable kingdom

The coconut palm grows

The why of plants

along the coasts of Africa and in other tropical areas. Some people call it the king of plants because of the wide range of products which can be obtained from it.

It is a beautiful tree with a strong trunk growing to a height of nearly 33 metres and ending in a tuft of fan-shaped leaves, each of them from 4 to 5 metres in length. Male and female flowers develop in the axils of the leaves and are in small inflorescences or groups.

The fruit which they produce are well known oval coconuts weighing as much as 2 kilos. When they are on the trees, however, the nuts are not the dark brown colour which we know. They are covered with a thick fibrous husk, green in colour, which is removed before the coconut is put on sale. The fibres are used for making matting and ropes.

A palm tree can produce as many as ten bunches of coconuts, each composed of ten to twelve nuts. Be-

neath the brown woody shell, which is sometimes used for making buttons, we find the coconut 'seed', that is the white pulp, rich in sugar, fats and protein which we love to eat.

Why seaweed is found in so many different colours

There are many kinds of seaweed living in the sea and you can often find pieces of them on the beach where they have been left by the tide.

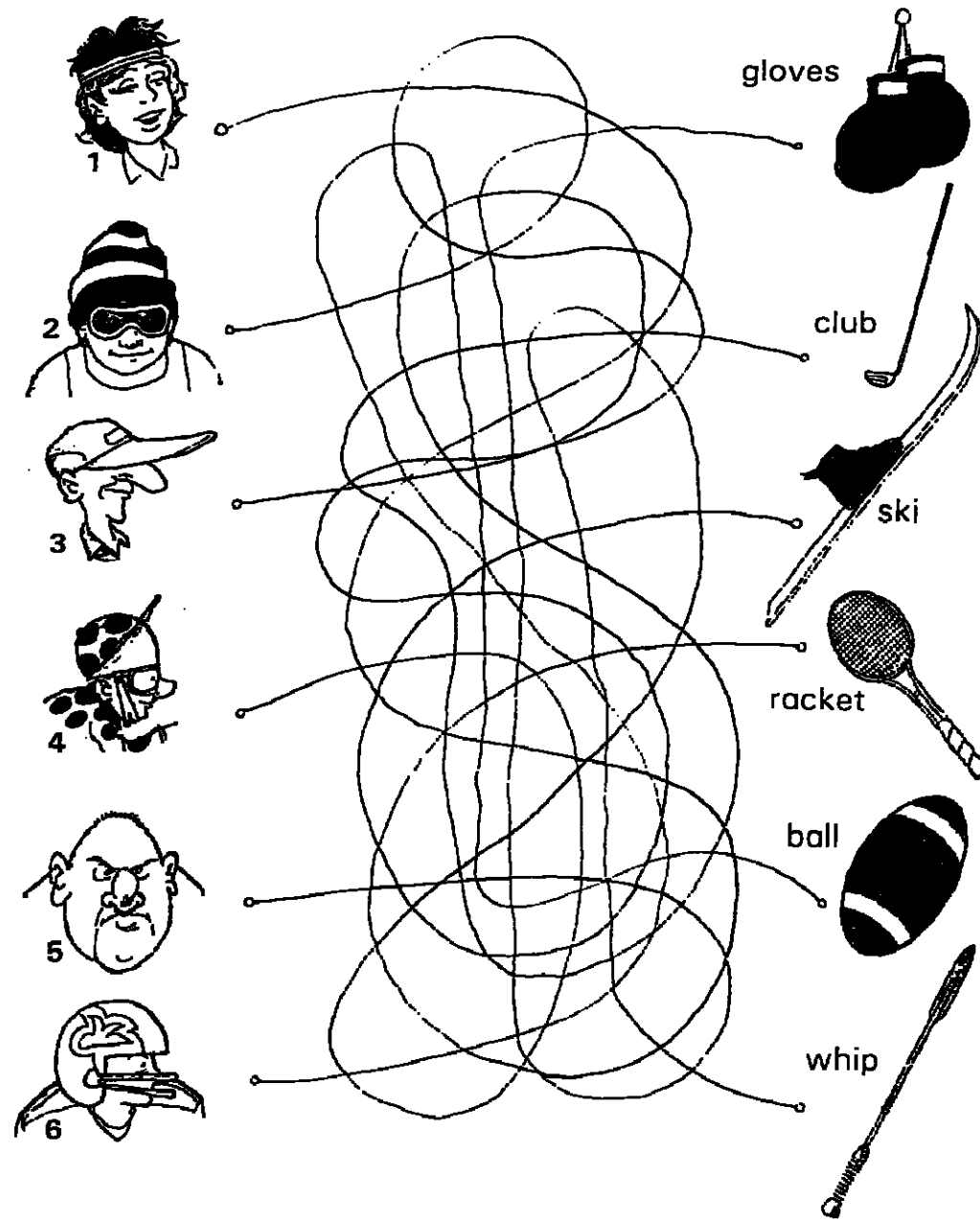
The commonest are the green ones which are found in the shallowest parts of the sea and which almost reach the surface. The brown and red varieties of seaweed grow at deeper levels.

It has recently been shown that there is a very good reason behind the distribution of the various types of seaweed in the sea bed. The coloured pigments which distinguish them from one another serve, in fact, to enable them to use the light of the sun, which becomes weaker as the water gets deeper.

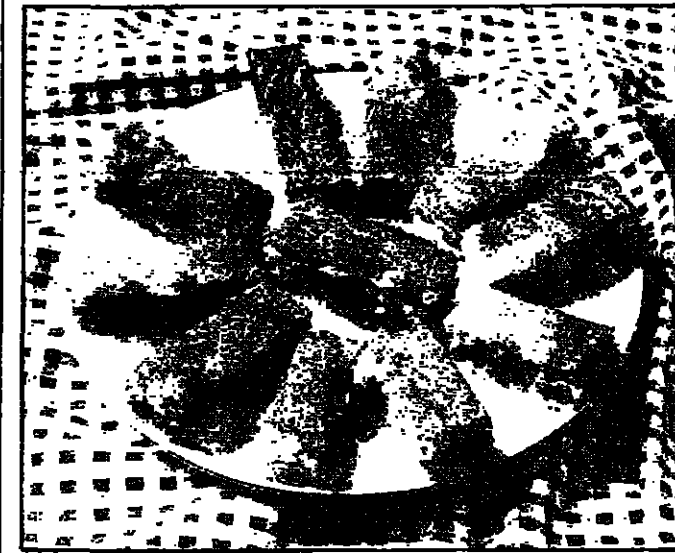
For instance, the red rays are filtered first by the sea water and are therefore stopped at a shallow depth. These rays are practically the only ones used by the green seaweeds which are therefore on the sea beds nearest to the surface. The brown ones and in particular the red ones, on the other hand, can live below a depth of 100 metres because they are also able to make use of the green rays of the sunlight which penetrate to such depths.

A-maz-ing!

Follow the lines and name the sports.



Cherry and almond fingers



Ingredients
Base: 75g (3oz) plain flour
25g (1oz) sugar
50g (2oz) margarine

Middle: 75g (3oz) glace cherries
25g (1oz) sultanas

Top: 50g (2oz) butter
50g (2oz) sugar
50g (2oz) ground almonds
1 egg

Equipment
20 cm (8 in) square cake tin

Mixing bowl
Wooden spoon
Knife
Plate
Greaseproof paper
Serving dish

1. Put oven on at Gas

Mark 5 (electricity 375°F/190°C).

2. Cut greaseproof paper to fit base of tin.

3. Place ingredients for base in mixing bowl, rub fat into flour and sugar with fingertips. Gather dough together and press down well into base of tin.

4. Cut cherries into quarters and sprinkle on top of base with sultanas.

5. Place topping ingredients in mixing bowl and mix together with a wooden spoon until smooth and creamy.

6. Spread on top of ingredients in the tin.

7. Bake for 40 minutes in the centre of the oven until firm to touch in centre.

8. Take out of oven and leave to cool in tin. Cut up into sixteen fingers.

Ha! Ha!

1st Man: 'I'd like to visit China.'

2nd Man: 'Peking?'

1st Man: 'No, I'd take a good look round.'

Judge: 'Is this the first time you have been up before me?'

Old lag: 'Don't know, your Honour. What time did you get up at?'

What is a waste of time: Telling a hair-raising story to a bald-headed man.

How can you make a clean sweep?

Wash him.

Why can't two elephants go swimming at the same time?

Because they have only one pair of trunks.

What bird cannot fly as high as you can jump?

A canary in a cage.

Why did the skeleton not go to the ball?

Because he had no body to go with.

Solution to Tuesday's crossword.

Across: 3 Scamp, 6 Obey, 7 State, 8 Laid, 10 Diver, 14 Rook, 15 Slope, 16 Bell, 17 Level.
Down: 1 World, 2 Tepid, 4 Cutter, 5 Mate, 9 Dimple, 11 Roger, 12 Skill, 13 Chee.



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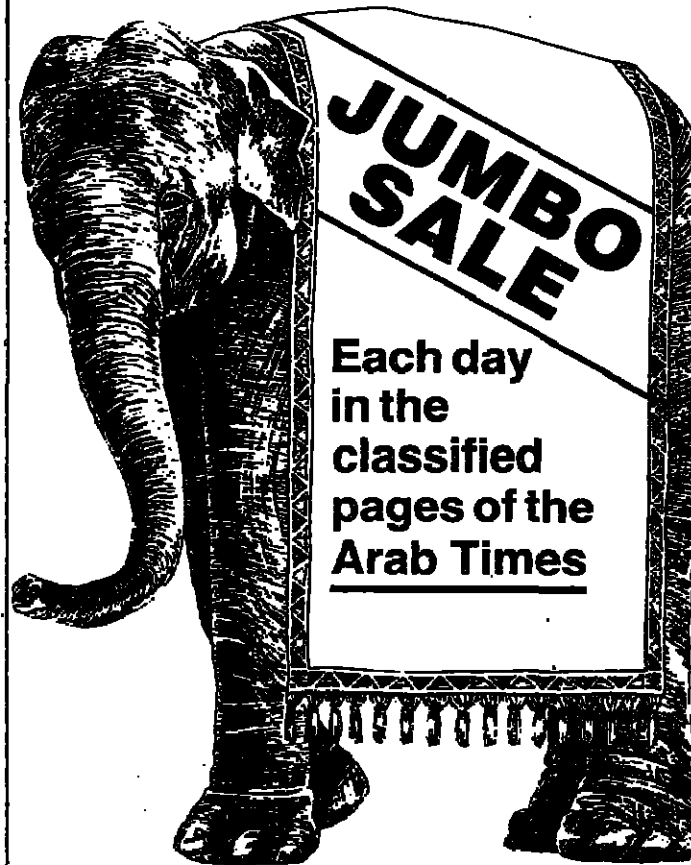
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MCKEAN TRIUMPHS IN FIRST RACE OF SEASON

Aouita forced to work hard for win

STOCKHOLM, July 6. (Reuters): Morocco's world record holder Said Aouita was forced to work hard for victory in the men's 1,500 metres at the Stockholm Grand Prix last night.

The Moroccan Olympic and world 5,000 metres champion eventually won in three minutes 35.70 seconds with Kenyan Kip Cheruiyot second in 3:36.36.

Aouita was surprised on the back straight of the final lap when Cheruiyot overtook him with 250 metres to run.

Cheruiyot flew around the bend but Aouita, recovering quickly, lengthened his stride and gathered the Kenyan in with 80 metres to run.

Cheruiyot gallantly tried to get back in the race but he had nothing left and Aouita strode to victory.

Injury

The time was Aouita's fastest 1,500 of the year and he showed no effects from the foot injury which has interrupted his training.

He plans to run the 1,500 metres at the Seoul Olympics instead of defending his 5,000 metres title.

Aouita said he was pleased with his performance in view of his lack of training.

He said he planned to run in Friday's London Grand Prix and the Grand Prix in Nice two days later "because I need the race."

World silver medalist Heike Drechsler was again in impres-



Aouita stays ahead of Cheruiyot to win the 1,500 metres. (Reuters wirephoto)

sive form, winning the 100 metres in 10.96 seconds.

The tall East German made a slow start, but quickly overhauled the field and seemed to be still getting into full stride when

she flashed across the finish line.

Dutchwoman Nelli Cooman, the world indoor 60 metres champion, was second in 11.24.

Britain's Tom McKean outstripped a moderate field to win

the men's 800 metres in his first race of the season.

McKean, determined to atone this season for his disappointing eighth place in last year's World Championships, clocked 1:45.64.

Olympic champion Dietmar Moegenburg of West Germany won the men's high jump with 2.33 metres on a countback from Cuban Javier Sotomayor.

Sweden's world champion Patrik Sjoberg, who set the world record of 2.42 at last year's meeting here, cleared 2.21 easily but failed with all three attempts at 2.33 to finish eighth.

The final event of the meeting, the men's 5,000 metres, was won by Ireland's John Doherty in 13:17.14.

Moroccan Ibrahim Boutaib made a bold victory bid with four laps to run and quickly opened a gap of 15 metres. But he could not shake the following pack and Doherty pounced with just over 200 metres to run.

Boutaib responded by briefly snatching back the lead but he was a spent force and eventually finished a tired fourth.

Kenyan Peter Koech outwitted compatriot Patrick Sang to win the men's 3,000 metres steeplechase.

Koech and Sang, both finalists in last year's world championships, ran easily in the middle of the pack with their teammate Kip Rono as Herman Hofstee of the Netherlands took the early pace.

Sang made his move early, taking the lead with 200 metres to run. Briton Mark Rowland moved up to a handy position to challenge but Koech snatched the race when he burst past Sang in the final straight.

The 30-year-old Koech clocked eight minutes 15.72 seconds while Sang returned 8:16.07. Rowland was third in 8:16.43.

East Germany's world bronze medalist Cornelia Oschkenat breezed to victory in the women's 100 metres hurdles, the first event of the evening.

Oschkenat clocked 12.69 seconds with second-placed Laurence Elloy of France well back in 13.01.

Long-striding

Cuban athletes were prominent on a clear, hot evening at Stockholm's Olympic stadium.

The long-striding Roberto Hernandez, fourth in the World Championships, ran away with the men's 400 metres in 45.28. Nigerian Innocent Egbunike was second in 45.72.

The veteran Luis Delis, third in the 1980 Olympic Games, second in the 1983 World Championships and third in last year's World Championships, won the discus with a throw of 65.72.

Then their exciting woman runner Ana-Fidelia Quirot ran away with the 800 metres in 1:59.85, ahead of world indoor champion Christine Wachtel of East Germany who clocked 2:01.14.

Drechsler sets new standards of all-round ability

STOCKHOLM, July 6. (Reuters): Heike Drechsler, the most talented of East Germany's elite crop of women track and field athletes, looks set to become the most successful at this year's Seoul Olympics.

Handicapped by an injury to her left knee, Drechsler could manage only four or her allotted six long jumps at last year's World Championships and had to settle for second place behind American Jackie Joyner.

She also won silver in the 100 metres behind teammate Silke Moeller and missed the chance of another medal when the injury forced her to withdraw from the sprint relay team.

After her dazzling performances of 1986, when she won the long jump and 200 metres at the European Championships, the Rome World Championships were a disappointment for the 23-year-old East German.

But although Drechsler dearly wished to retain her world long jump title she has made it abundantly clear since where her priorities lie.

Meant

Drechsler was emphatic when she told reporters at March's European Indoor Championships in Budapest that an Olympic medal meant far more to her than a world title.

East European sportswriters said this was a common attitude among the East Germans who missed the 1984 Olympics because of the Soviet-led boycott.

Drechsler also raised some eyebrows when she said she feared the Soviet long jumpers more than Joyner.

Since then Galina Chistyakova has partially vindicated her judgement by breaking the world record held jointly by Drechsler and Joyner.

She said the long jump was her



Drechsler: in action during a long jump event

The significance of Chistyakova's jump is hard to evaluate in a northern season extended significantly by the late start to the Olympic Games which do not get underway until mid-September.

But although no athlete with Olympic aspirations should be more than approaching top form at this time of the year Drechsler's consistent excellence is impossible to ignore.

She has clocked the year's fastest time over 200 metres, 21.84 at the East German Championships this month, and only American Florence Griffith-Joyner has run faster over 100 metres. In addition, she has also jumped 7.37 metres indoors.

Drechsler's 100 metres run in Saturday's Bislett Games, when she clocked 10.91 seconds on a rain-drenched track, was something of a revelation.

The long-legged East German has not been noted for the speed of her start but on Saturday she flew out of the blocks and scorched to a personal best performance.

Drechsler seemed slightly surprised as well as pleased afterwards. Yes, she said, it was a good time under the conditions. Yes, it had given her confidence.

More significantly, Drechsler then revealed that she had already decided on her events for Seoul.

She said the long jump was her

first priority followed by one of the sprints. Drechsler said she had already decided which one she would run but refused to comment further, except to add that she would not be a member of the 4x100 metre relay team.

The picture was slightly confused at a news conference here on Monday when Drechsler said she would leave her decision until Seoul.

"After the long jump in Seoul I will decide whether to run in the 100 or 200 metres," she said.

Despite her remarkable successes as a sprinter in the last three seasons Drechsler's first commitment is to the long jump. As an 18-year-old she was the youngest gold medalist at the 1983 Helsinki World Championships and she continues to work remorselessly at her discipline.

Clear

Drechsler's string of recent 100 metres races has helped to improve her approach speed and she has also been practising hard on her takeoff.

"My biggest improvement must come from my takeoff," she said.

Drechsler is unlikely to compete against either Joyner or Chistyakova before the Olympics.

But she made it clear she would like to meet either or both at least once. "I would like to compete against them to know where I stand," she said.

Soviets shine on second day of King's Cup

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 6. (AP): Defending champions the Soviet Union maintained its unbeaten record on the second day of the 14th King's Cup Amateur Boxing Championship at Bangkok's National Gymnasium.

Yesterday, Roudik Kazandjian beat Khamate Vichienvat of Thailand on points in the light flyweight division and his countryman Erik Balyanov beat Thai Pravit Suwanvichit on points in the light welterweight division.

Local newspapers and Thai boxing experts say the Soviet Union is the strongest contender for the team trophy again this year. Moscow sent a tough 12-strong team to participate in the championship.

Results from yesterday's matches:

Pinweight, 45 kilograms (99 pounds) - Pramual Naikajana, Thailand, beat Fernando Parcon of the Philippines on points.

Light flyweight, 48 kilograms (105 pounds) - Patjai Rak-iti, Thailand, beat Japan's Toshikazu Nakamishi on points; Roudik Kazandjian of the Soviet Union beat Khamate Vichienvat, Thailand, on points; Chutchai Sasakul of Thailand beat Cho Dong-Bum, South Korea, on points.

Featherweight, 57 kilograms (125 pounds) - South Korea's Park Yoon-Sup beat Chalaw Somwongse, Thailand, on points; Orlando Dollenie, the Philippines beat Surasak Thammaphrecha, Thailand, in a disqualified decision in round two.

Light welterweight, 63.5 kilograms (139.7 pounds) - Anton Todorov Chamov, Bulgaria, knocked out Banyat Ousait of Thailand in round two; Leslie Fear, Australia, knocked out Somsak Rakdacha, Thailand, in round two; Utit Tawongkhat of Thailand beat Denmark's Soren Rommelhoff on points and Erik Balyanov of the Soviet Union beat Pravit Suwanvichit of Thailand on points.

Van Slyke lifts Pirates past Padres

NEW YORK, July 6. (AP): Andy van Slyke, who enjoys making a great defensive play as much as hitting a homer, is even happier when he can have it both ways.

The Pittsburgh centre fielder hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning, then preserved the lead with a perfect throw in the ninth, lifting the Pirates to a 3-2 victory over San Diego last night.

"I enjoy every aspect of the game," Van Slyke said. "I like to do things offensively and defensively. To tell you the truth, I get a better kick out of throwing the guy out at the plate in that situation than hitting a home run."

After Van Slyke's two-out homer off Padres starter Jimmy Jones, 5-8, in the seventh, he clinched the game when he threw out John Kruk at home plate in the ninth after a one-out single by Benito Santiago. Kruk, trying to score from second, bowled over catcher Junior Ortiz, who held the ball.

Dodgers 6, Cardinals 3

Los Angeles won for the 13th time in 17 games and handed St. Louis its eighth loss in 11 outings as Orel Hershiser won his sixth consecutive start and John

Shelby and Mike Marshall drove in two runs apiece. Hershiser, 13-3, allowed seven hits and all three St. Louis runs in seven innings. Tim Lincecum earned his fourth save by pitching the final two innings.

Giants 9, Cubs 0

San Francisco crushed Chicago as Terry Mulholland pitched a six-hitter in his first Major League start since 1986. Will Clark drove in two runs with a first-inning double as the Giants scored three times before Cubs' starter Calvin Schiraldi could get an out.

Reds 3, Mets 1

Cincinnati held New York to one run for the second consecutive night as Tom Browning pitched a three-hitter through eight innings for his sixth consecutive victory. The Reds took a 2-0 lead in the first off Bob Ojeda. 6-7, when Kal Daniels singled, stole second, advanced to third on a balk and scored on Chris Sabo's double. Nick Esasky drove in Sabo with a single.

Expos 4, Astros 3

Montreal blew a two-run lead against Houston in the ninth inning, then won it in the 11th on Luis Rivera's RBI triple. The Astros have lost seven of eight

games, while the Expos won for the fifth time in six outings and improved their extra-inning record to 11-4.

Braves 10, Phillies 5

Atlanta used a five-run sixth inning to overcome Philadelphia despite 17 hits by the Phillies. With the score 4-4, Ron Gant opened the sixth with a double off reliever Bruce Ruffin, 5-7, and scored when Gerald Perry doubled, his third hit in the game. Bruce Benedict also had an RBI double in the inning for the Braves.

Meanwhile, baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth says he does not want to see any new teams in the Major Leagues until at least 1993.

"We're going to do it right this time," Ueberroth said. "In the past it has been done in a hasty, jerky manner. Franchises have suffered."

Results

American League	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	4	2	.667	—
New York	3	3	.500	—
Seattle	2	4	.333	—
Baltimore	1	5	.167	—
Cleveland	1	5	.167	—
Toronto	0	6	.000	—
Cincinnati	0	6	.000	—
Chicago	0	6	.000	—
Los Angeles	0	6	.000	—
San Diego	0	6	.000	—
Milwaukee	0	6	.000	—

National League	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	10	0	1.000	—
San Francisco	9	1	.900	—
Los Angeles	6	4	.600	—
Montreal	4	2	.667	—
Cincinnati	3	3	.500	—
Pittsburgh	3	3	.500	—

Standings	W	L	Pct.	GB
American League East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	49	31	.613	—
New York	48	33	.593	1-1/2
Cleveland	44	39	.530	6-1/2
Boston	40	43	.482	8
Milwaukee	40	42	.488	8
Chicago	37	45	.447	11
Minnesota	25	57	.305	25
Baltimore	25	57	.305	25

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	52	31	.627	—
Minnesota	46	34	.575	4-1/2
Kansas City	43	39	.524	8-1/2
Texas	38	43	.469	13
Chicago	37	44	.457	14
California	36	46	.439	15-1/2
Seattle	33	50	.398	19

National League East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	52	31	.627	—
Pittsburgh	45	37	.549	6-1/2
Chicago	44	37	.545	7
Montreal	41	41	.500	10-1/2
St. Louis	38	44	.463	13-1/2
Philadelphia	35	45	.438	15-1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	47	33	.588	—
San Francisco	42	39	.519	5-1/2
Houston	41	42	.494	7-1/2
Cincinnati	39	43	.475	9
San Diego	37	47	.440	12
Atlanta	29	51	.363	18

Yang triumphs twice in Open

PERTH, Australia, July 6. (AP): World No. 1 Yang Yang of China scored two victories yesterday opening day of the Australian Bicentennial Open badminton tournament.

Left-hander Yang defeated Shuji Matsuno of Japan 15-8, 15-7 and then trounced Chan Siu Kwong of Hong Kong 15-3, 15-1 in the evening session.

World No. 4 Foo Kok Keong of Malaysia also scored a brace of victories.

Advancing

Eight men are contesting a round-robin first round with the winners of each of two groups advancing to the final on July 9.

Results: Yang Yang, China, def. Shuji Matsuno, Japan, 15-7 15-8; Yang def. Chan Siu Kwong, Hong Kong, 15-3, 15-1; Foo Kok Keong, Malaysia, def. Chan Chi Choi, Hong Kong, 15-11 15-2; Foo def. Shiji Matsura, Japan, 15-3 15-11; Djoko Suprianto, Indonesia, def. Matsuno 15-1 15-2; Sze Yu, Australia, def. Matsura 15-7 15-2.

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Four US boxing champs upset in Olympic trials

CONCORD, Calif., July 6. (Reuters): Reigning Pan-American Games gold medalist Kelsie Banks was easily upset by four American national champions were beaten yesterday in the first day of the US Olympic boxing trials.

The biggest upset of the quarterfinals occurred when Alfred Cole used a stream of jabs to defeat twice US champion Andrew Maynard, 4-1, in the 81-kg division in last night's second 24-bout session.

Decision

Several bouts earlier, Banks beat James Leija, United States amateur runner-up, by a 5-0 unanimous decision in the 57-kg division.

In the same division, American champion Carl Daniels inflicted three standing eighth counts to Teddy Randolph

before being awarded a unanimous 5-0 decision.

In another upset, Lionell Odome best reigning American champion Tony Gonzales, 4-1, in the 51-kg division. Gonzales was given three penalties for hitting with open gloves.

In yesterday afternoon's 24-bout first session, two United States amateur champions were beaten. In the 67-kg class, Gerry Payne upset Alton Rice with a knockdown at 1:06 of the first round.

Rice quickly rose to his feet after being floored by a left hook. But ringside physician Mario Ficarola said that Rice had suffered brain contusions and stopped the bout.

In the 75-kg division, United States champion Jerome James was beaten by Darin Allen in a 5-0 unanimous decision.

Norman gives up hope of playing in British Open

ORLANDO, Fla., July 6. (Reuters): Greg Norman said in an interview he had given up hopes of playing in next week's British Open golf championship after a painful practice round at Orlando yesterday.

"I'm not going," the Australian told the Orlando sentinel. "I've decided to get the thing right and give it three weeks."

Damaged

Norman, who won the British title in 1986, was forced out of the US Open last month when he injured his wrist while striking a ball.

Hopes that he would compete at Royal Lytham St Annes had been raised during recent workouts.

But over the closing holes of his final workout in a four-day test of the damaged wrist at the Grand Cypress resort, the sharp pains returned. A clubhouse examination resulted in advice that he should take another month away from golf.

Norman said his new "coming-out" target would be the PGA Championship from August 11-14 at the Oak Tree Country Club in Edmond, Oklahoma.



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Court postpones hearing of Tyson's lawsuit

NEW YORK, July 6. (UPI): A hearing in New York State Supreme Court regarding heavyweight champion Mike Tyson's lawsuit filed against his manager was postponed yesterday and rescheduled for Friday.

Tyson is suing to prevent Bill Cayton from acting as his boxing manager and from receiving any money from the June 27 Tyson-Michael Spinks bout in Atlanta City, New Jersey. Judge David H. Edwards, Jr. granted Tyson a temporary restraining order last

Wednesday preventing Cayton from receiving the money from the Spinks bout or acting as his manager, pending a hearing.

SPORTS

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Former captains

LONDON, July 6. (Reuters): Two former England cricket captains have called into question Peter May's chairmanship of the England Test selectors. Ted Dexter and Bob Willis were speaking on a late night television news programme yesterday in the wake of England's latest defeat by the West Indies.

Lecointe upset

GSTAAD, Switzerland, July 6. (Reuters): Unseeded Milan Srejber of Czechoslovakia toppled top seeded Frenchman Henri Lecointe in the first round of the \$270,000 men's Grand Prix tennis tournament here yesterday. Srejber won 6-2, 6-4.

Tour de France

EVREUX, France, July 6. (AP): Portuguese rider Acacio da Silva edged Dutchman Steven Rooks in a photo finish of yesterday's fourth stage of the Tour de France while another Dutchman, Teun van Vliet, kept the overall lead.

Women's tennis

BASTAD, Sweden, July 6. (AP): Top-seed Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden outlasted Ann Davies of Belgium 7-5, 6-7, 6-2 in a see-saw first round match of the \$75,000 Virginia Slims of Sweden women's tennis tournament yesterday.

Olympic soccer

ZURICH, July 6. (Reuters): Guatemala have been asked to replace Mexico, who were banned by the International Football Federation (FIFA) last Thursday, in the Olympic soccer tournament in Seoul.

Shot put

MOSCOW, July 6. (Reuters): World champion Natalya Lisovskaya was only eight centimetres outside her world shot put record when she won her event at the Soviet Athletics Championships in Tallinn yesterday.

Soviet goalkeeper

HAMBURG, West Germany, July 6. (Reuters): West German First Division Hamburg today gave up hopes of signing Soviet national goalkeeper Rinat Dasayev. "Because the Soviets won't release Dasayev before the end of November, we are no longer interested," Hamburg trainer Erich Ribbeck said. The West German League season begins on July 23.

New mast

SAN DIEGO, July 6. (Reuters): The America's Cup series slated for September is still in doubt but New Zealand's challenger team was moving full speed ahead yesterday to rig up a new mast for their yacht that will carry a larger sail.

Witt honoured

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, July 6. (Reuters): Katarina Witt of East Germany, who retained her Olympic figure-skating title in Calgary this year, was awarded the Olympic Order today.

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday:

N/S
1. Dr Reddy & Lalala
2. Sherin & Mesdani
3. Meouchi & Zamaniri
E/W
1. Blacknell & Gibb
2. D. Pereira & Ravi
3. Mrs B. Pereira & D'Souza
A marathon bridge will be held tomorrow at 3.00 pm at the Sheraton Hotel.

AGASSI FIGHTS BACK TO BEAT WEST GERMAN

Wilander routs S.African in opener



Wilander: puts Grand Slam disappointment behind him

BOSTON, July 5. (Reuters): With talk about a Grand Slam silenced by his defeat at Wimbledon, Mats Wilander began a new mission yesterday — defence of his crown at the \$415,000 US Pro Tennis Championships.

"I never thought about winning the Grand Slam, but everybody talks about it and you sort of build up your hopes," said world number three Wilander, whose bid for the slam was dashed by a straight-sets defeat to Czechoslovak Miloslav Mecir in the Wimbledon quarterfinals.

Impossible
"I realised once I was in the middle of that match, that it's very nearly impossible to do," the Swede said.

Things were brighter for Wilander on the slower clay surface here as he scored a quick, 6-1 6-2 victory over South African Andrew Burrow.

Wilander, who won the Australian and French Open championships this year, totally outclassed Burrow, the 1987 US college champion from the University of Miami.

The Swede said the Wimbledon disappointment was not

going to affect him. "I knew he didn't have a weapon that could hurt me and I think he knew it, too."

Rising American star Andre Agassi, who lost to Wilander in the semifinals of the French Open, was given a scare by unheralded West German Alexander Mronz before taking a 0-6 6-4 6-2 victory.

The second-seeded Agassi, ranked sixth in the world following title victories at the US Clay Court Championships and the Tournament of Champions, skipped Wimbledon and was making his first Grand Prix appearance since Roland Garros.

The 18-year-old from Las Vegas showed some rust when he dropped the first eight games of the match to the tenacious Mronz, trailing a lowly 236th. But after ranking 40-15 in the third game of the second set, Agassi took charge.

"He played so exceptionally well he kind of shell-shocked me," said Agassi, who also had a bye into the second round. "I knew as soon as I got that first game it would be a big turn

around."

In other second-round matches at the Longwood Cricket Club, 17-year-old Jim Courier defeated ninth-seeded Jaime Yzaga 6-1, 7-5, and Spain's Juan Aguilera downed No. 6 Jay Berger 6-3, 6-1.

In first-round matches, John Ross outlasted No. 14 Pablo Arraya 6-4, 6-7 (3-7), 6-1. Bruno Oresar overcame Jorge Bardou, 6-1, 6-3. Ulf Stenlund downed Jon Sobel 6-3, 6-1. Horacio de La Pena stopped Loic Courteau 6-1, 6-2, and Michael Westphal eliminated Frederick Waern 4-6, 6-1, 7-5.

In other matches, Philip Johnson outplayed Libor Pimek, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3. Richey Reneberg dispatched Craig Boynton 6-3, 6-1, and Michael Kures ousted Roberto Arguello, 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4).

Ross, from Florida, stayed on the baseline hitting steady groundstrokes, which the Peruvian said resulted in a numbingly dull game.

"I just got bored to death," Arraya said after the three-hour match. "I was bored. I just wanted to get out of there."



Amritraj steps out of 'twilight zone'

NEWPORT, R.I. July 6. (Reuters): Indian Davis Cup tennis star Vijay Amritraj has stepped out of the "twilight zone" and into the Grand Prix circuit in order to prepare for the Summer Olympic tennis tournament.

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Saudi Arabia hold Argentina to draw

ADELAIDE, Australia, July 6. (AP): Saudi Arabia held World Cup holder Argentina to a 2-2 draw at Football Park today in the opening match of the Bicentennial Gold Cup soccer tournament.

Argentina's Hernan Diaz scored three times in the match — twice for his own side and once for Saudi Arabia.

Hosts
Diaz twice shot Argentina ahead — once in the first half and again five minutes into the second period — but then watched his misfired header from defence beat his own goalkeeper and bounce in off a post in the 65th minute to leave the match all square.

Saudi skipper Majed Abdullah headed his side's first equaliser four minutes before halftime.

Australia meet Brazil in the second tie on Thursday while Saudi Arabia take on the hosts on Saturday at Parramatta.

Saudi Arabia's Brazilian coach Carlos Alberto Parreira said he was delighted by the way his unrated team had performed.

"I'm very happy, not only because of the result, but because of the way we played," Parreira said.

"We created many chances and we deserved the result. Anything can happen from now on."

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